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ASF EXEC. WILL CURB IMPORTS

—By Keith Gilmour—

Full steam ahead for youth, and temporary-visa importations into the background — this is the certain outcome of the much-heralded switch in policy for Australian soccer.

The Australian Soccer Federation meeting this Friday and Saturday is expected to arrive at these conclusions.

To start off the PSL, we needed imports — let there be no mistake about that.

But the success of Australian talent developed in the FIFA/Coca-Cola World Youth Tournament has proved what can be done with the right coaching.

Eddie Krncevic, George Christopoulos, Danny Moulis, Peter Raskopoulos, Graham Jennings, Greg Woodhouse — and on the list goes.

And in their footsteps will come the next group to be prepared for the 1981 World Youth Tournament here in Australia in 1981.

Too many players have been arriving on temporary visas, mooning around and then extending their visas indefinitely with the connivance of their clubs.

Then, almost too late, the few superior players required for the national squad are found to be unqualified as potential Australian citizens, leading to an unholy and unedifying scramble for quickie naturalisation.

Perhaps there is something to be said for this group, but the battlers below them are now holding team places that should be filled progressively by the improving locals.

The ASF will have other important decisions to make.

The PSL club qualifying guidelines and promotion-relegation rules have to be amplified to secure wider community interest in the code.

Similarly the reforms associated with purely ethnic club names may be extended down the line into all State senior competitions.

If the ASF will press clubs to bring more professional men into PSL and State League club affairs it will have worked wonders for the future of the code.

The stress on senior competitions by the visits by Czechoslovakia, England, Northern Ireland and Yugoslavia in 1980 must lessen the use of tours by ordinary overseas club sides from all countries.

Increasing travel costs are spelling their deathknell anyway.

If the States persist with minor tour promotions then they will have to face touring teams with only State League and no PSL players.

Above all, perhaps, any backward State will have to see reason in the expansion of inter-town country senior leagues and youth league competitions, and get cracking.



APFA's Ken Reed (second from left) accepting congratulations after his goal against Canberra.

Eight fight to make top four

—By Andrew Dettre—

Marconi have stretched their lead to an impressive six points at the top of the PSL table and even this habitually collapsible team can't blow their chance for the title.

Frankly, the only side that could still bother them is Sydney City, with a game in hand and capable of getting a bonus point or two.

But really, the race looks to be over and the eternal bridesmaid appears to have caught the bridal bouquet.

The fight for the Top Four positions is still on in earnest and eight teams stand some sort of a chance though APFA's is perhaps the most modest.

At this stage, we would tip Sydney City, Adelaide City and either Heidelberg or Brisbane City.

Down at the bottom, the position is still in a state of wild flux.

St. George's vital win over Footscray could be a lifesaver for them: the occasional genius of Roy Cotton came to

their rescue.

The Saints are definitely on the up and up and seem capable of catching either Footscray or Lions, perhaps both.

Our hunch is that Footscray may be on the verge of collapse; it was either incredible stupidity or a cynical belief in a no-relegation decision that made them sell Ristovski at such a crucial stage of the competition.

Last Sunday Footscray lost without Ristovski — and South Melbourne lost with him; a deal of dubious value to either club.

South Melbourne have never recovered from their trauma in the "Turner-case" and their only chance now is if they somehow argue those missing three points back into their kitty with an appeal.

Otherwise, they seem doomed to finish last, causing infinite pain and embarrassment to their president — who is also the PSL chairman, presumably acting impartially with the club's likely re-admittance application.

Unless there is a last-minute change, there will be only two PSL matches this week.

In Sydney, on Sunday, Marconi face West Adelaide and on Friday night in Melbourne Heidelberg meet Footscray.

If Marconi have managed to weather their recent slump, they should be too fast and too mobile for the Adelaide side which, by now, must have abandoned all serious hopes for a title defence.

On paper, Heidelberg look cuts above Footscray — but desperation often works wonders. Heidelberg is seeking a Top

Four berth while Footscray must now consider relegation a strong possibility — and this is one club which, because of its meagre attendances and poor logistic support, few would care to rescue if it came to a vote.

On Sunday, the two Philips Cup semifinals will be played.

In Newcastle the home side could be in for a shock if St. George maintain their current form and mood.

There is no doubt now that Raul Blanco did make a big difference for the Saints, if not in actual coaching then in boosting their confidence.

Adelaide City will be hosts to Canberra and it's extremely hard to see the Feds to trouble the Perin brigade.

We forecast a St. George v Adelaide City Cup final.



Kiwi snub

The return match against New Zealand has been deferred, postponed, cancelled — whichever term you prefer.

Slighted and annoyed over Australia's reluctance to stage the game in August, New Zealand have now lost all interest.

Their president, Charlie Dempsey, was reported to have said that the "next time we want to play Australia will be in the World Cup."

There is no doubt that the edifice of good relations between the two countries has been damaged, if not demolished.

Last year Sir Arthur George and Brian Le Fevre in Buenos Aires laid the foundations for a new, harmonious relationship between the two countries; the revised Oceania partnership was also based on that.

Regrettably, the harmony has now been jolted.

It has to be assumed that after the Auckland defeat, Rudi Gutendorf didn't want to field the Socceroos again until he has found his team.

While in Auckland, both he and ASF representative Vic Tuting agreed to the return match to be played in July.

This, because of the Partizan visit, was put back to August and then called off.

Wollongong was happy to stage the game; BHP even came good with a \$5,000 sponsorship offer to cushion the ASF against losses.

Gelei stays

Joe Gelei, St. George's former chief coach, will stay in Australia for another year.

Gelei was relieved of his job after eight rounds and has been working mainly with the club's third team.

Next year he will devise an extensive coaching system for junior and school teams in the district.

"I'm happy that I will be able to stay for one more year and accomplish something positive," he said this week.

"I wouldn't have liked to go back to Hungary as a failure."

Gelei, former Hungarian World Cup (1966) and Olympic champion (1964) goalkeeper, is reluctant to discuss the hows and whys of his dismissal as chief coach.

"After eight rounds we were last, two points from the 'safe' 12th position.

"After 19 rounds, the team was second last, still two points from the 12th placing.

"So it was obviously more than just a stupid coach who caused the team's demise," he said.



YAGOONA (2nd div), with regular striker, Brett Gilligan on the bench through injury, were delighted with their 2-1 win over Lethbridge Rangers at Jersey Rd. Both Yagoona goals were scored by the consistent John Major. Lethbridge had Yagoona on the ropes in the first half and led 1-0 at the break with a fine goal from Mick Boyd. In the second half a more determined Yagoona equalised 20 minutes after the break. The goal, from a freekick by the 'evergreen' Russell Haggett, was a well placed header. Yagoona's second goal came 10 minutes later, when John Major ran onto a fine through-ball and tucked away his second goal. The remaining time saw a tense finish with both teams missing chances. The first graders would like to add, they do appreciate the support of the 2nd and 3rd graders. Despite some good football Yagoona were outplayed in the second grade to see Lethbridge run out 4-0 winners. Dave McAlister, 3rd grade coach, was pleased with his team after a fine 1-0 win. Ian Carrick was the sole goal scorer of the match with Craig Moss playing well in goal.

MACCABI (5th div) held Pagewood to a 2-2 draw at Jellicoe Park. Maccabi led 1-0 at half time with a diving header in the 30th minute from Tony Schwartz. Pagewood put everything into attack after the break to score in the 60th and 70th minute. Maccabi pulled the equaliser out of the bag in injury time with a header from Mick Swibel. Outstanding player was centre forward and captain, Gary Weiss. The club is maintaining its emphasis on youth and feel this will pay dividends in readiness for 1980.

LANE COVE (2nd div) received a well earned, and much needed two points against Port Hacking at Seymour Shaw last Saturday. Both goal scorers were under-18-year olds, centre forward Scott Conroy and midfielder Barry Schilling. Several players had outstanding games — another under-18 on the wing, Tim Flemming, B. McDonnell in the forwards, Keith Birdsall in centre half and Kim Best in goal. With two clubs facing relegation the next three matches for Lane Cove, Guildford County, Port Hacking and West Ryde will be vital.

NTH BANKSTOWN (3rd div) consolidated its position at the top of the table by defeating the bottom placed team, Ryde District by 0-5. Despite the high score the game was not the best Norths have played. The Ryde team, having played the day before, showed signs of tiredness and were in no way able to stop North's big win. Goals from Bankstown came from Ritchie Clark (2), Trevor Buckley (2) and Alan Sirett.

ASHCROFT (3rd div) had a good 3-0 win against Kingsford. The game had a few controversial incidents and many stoppages. Kingsford lost a player, being sent off within 20 minutes and conceded all goals in the first half. The second half Ashcroft consolidated its defense and were happy to end the game three goals up. Andy Everett scored two and Vlad Knaus scored the other.

HOLROYD RANGERS (4th div) scored a very important 3-1 win against Fairfield Kiev. The win kept the chances for Holroyd of making the semi-finals very realistic and now are vying with Fairfield for the fourth position on the table. The first goal of the match and the only goal in the first half was scored through a penalty for Fairfield Kiev. Holroyd came back with more determination in the second half and scored three goals, the last one only seconds from the end. John Secondo (2) and Carlos Rodrigues were the goal scorers. In the second grade game the Holroyd sweeper, Hector Navarro was taken to Auburn Hospital, suffering from a confirmed fractured ankle and will be out of the game for the rest of the season. All his colleagues wish him a speedy recovery.

WEST ST. GEORGE (5th div) defeated Concordia 3-1 last Sunday. The first half saw Concordia awarded a goal in the 8th minute when an attempted clearance by Brad Cook for St. George ended in the net. After a disallowed goal in the 16th minute, West St. George equalised with a fine goal from Dave Hooper. The second half began evenly with Concordia missing several chances but St. George were able to capitalise on theirs, one by Ray Cuth from 18 metres out and the second, a header by Gary Gibson, returning to first grade after a rest in reserve grade through injury. Captain Andrew Piggott, usual sweeper, had a superb game as left back. West St. George reserve grade had a glut of goals in the second half against an under-strength Concordia. The half time score was 1-0, final score 11-0.

PADSTOW PARK (4th div) lost 0-2 against Chelsea but the club's second grade continued its winning streak by defeating Chelsea 4-0. This win is the 16th in 19 games and the side has not lost yet. The Padstow team is the only one in all Federation divisions which has not yet suffered a defeat.

HURSTVILLE ZAGREB (3rd div) moved up and away clear from the relegation zone by taking two points from Bonnyrigg Eagles in a game that ended 4-3. The Eagles, playing as a team without drive to win, were 4-1 down about 20 minutes from time. Due to a reshuffle in the team Bonnyrigg had a defense which was easily penetrable but the Eagles managed to score two more goals and were beaten by time from equalising. For Hurstville, scorers were Tom Poljak (2), Almas Muratovic and Frank Bekovac. For Bonnyrigg, Martin Bazi (2) and Albert Ibrahim.

PAGEWOOD (5th div) have recently signed a new goalkeeper, John Pathett since the regular keeper, G. Vasin left for overseas. In their 2-2 draw with Maccabi last weekend the goal scorers were Gary Brown and Glen Baxter. The club is already planning for the next season and president, G. Vasin is hopeful of a much brighter 1980.

CANLEY HEIGHTS (5th div) conceded their second loss of the season last Sunday to Edensor Park with a 0-2 result. It was a good match, played in the right spirit and although having the percentage of possession, Edensor made several breakaways to score twice. Reserve grade saw the Heights run out 6-0 winners with the most senior players in the club, Les Kovacs, scoring a hat-trick; Keith McComaskey and David McAdam also got one each. The goal of the day came from Gary Rowlands by a cross by D. McAdam to John Andrews who flicked the ball onto Gary who turned and shot from 12 metres giving the goalkeeper no chance. The half time score was 4-0 with Canley Heights controlling most of the game. Edensor did endeavour to come into the game in the second half but to no avail.

BATHURST '75 (2nd div) played the division leaders, Gladesville Ravens to a 1-1 draw in a good, exciting, tight and fast game. Approximately 350 spectators watched the match in Bathurst and in the 43rd minute, when Bathurst's goalkeeper hesitated, Ravens found an opening in which to score. Being 0-1 down at half time Bathurst came out after the break to play most of the next 45 minutes in the Ravens half. After many corners and with the Ravens defense playing very tight, Colin Tait scored the equaliser in the 88th minute for Bathurst. With a game in hand and two points behind Ravens, Bathurst '75 still have every chance to take out the honours.

BAULKHAM HILLS (2nd div), after a disappointing few matches and with their two top strikers out, gained a valuable two points from Gladesville-Hornsby to maintain their position in the top four. A return to form by central midfielder, 'big' Alan Thompson, helped who, besides scoring the only goal of the match, gave a tower of work throughout the match. The two reserve graders playing were Jeff Perl who was strong in defense and dynamo, Craig Binning in the forward line.

CLUB PATROL

Inter Monaro's well liked publicity man **JOE CHERA** was married last weekend to his fiancée **ANTOINETTE MACCARONE**, daughter of club coach **FRANK**. Joe and Antoinette left last week on their honeymoon and the club's other publicity officer, **WENDY YORK**, will take over Joe's duties for the period he is away.

A birthday in the Bankstown club last week was that of 'veteran' **NORRIE PORTER**: he turned 27 last Thursday. Norrie has been with the club only one year, but has made his mark, adding a bit of stability and coolness to the midfield.

Arncliffe's **TIM HOOPER** missed last week's match, suffering with the 'flu', but he should be back on deck this week, officials hope.

Arncliffe promoted a promising second grader into the team last week. **WAYNE MARCHANT** has been scoring goals regularly in the reserves and was given a chance in the first team by **STAN ACKERLEY**. Wayne came to Arncliffe at the start of the year with former coach **KAZ KULAK**.

It seems likely that **Parramatta** may lose the services of **BRUCE WALDRON** at the end of the year. Bruce has

bought himself a block of land at Nowra and is building a house there. Also his application for a teaching transfer has come through, and the travel to and from Sydney may mean that City will lose one of their most solid players.

Melita officials are still raving about the performances of Bankstown's goalie **TERRY GREEDY** and confidently tip him to be the next sensation for Australia.

This Sunday night Auburn will be holding a benefit night for the Appin Mine Disaster Fund. One of the miners killed in the blast and subsequent cave in, **ALEC LAWSON**, was a former Auburn player, though he was at the time captain of Polonia.

MALCOLM HAYNES made his return to Sutherland's first team last week after a long period out of the team in reserves. Unfortunately for Mal the occasion was not particularly memorable, with the Sharks losing to Arncliffe.

It looks like **BOB GEOGHEGAN** will be out of the Manly team for the rest of the year. A groin strain has not been responding to treatment and he has been advised against resuming training for quite some time.

The president of the Sutherland Supporters Club suffered a heart attack last week and is now recovering in hospital. **PAT THOMPSON** is a long time supporter of the club, and all wish him a speedy recovery.

Auburn's **HORATIO RUIZ** should regain his place in the first team after returning from an injury. Horatio was suffering from a hamstring injury but has shaken off the injury now.

Referees are mourning the unexpected death of Glen Bailey, 29, well-known in Federation refereeing ranks and this year in the Gladesville-Hornsby SRA, who passed away last Thursday night. The sympathy of all his friends goes to his widow and young daughter.

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BANKSTOWN, who have been videotaping all their home matches, are now selling copies of the tapes to any interested clubs for cost price. Therefore if any team plays at the Soccer Centre they have the opportunity to buy a copy of the tape of the match to study afterwards at their leisure.

NSW squad

Leo Baumgartner has selected a basically young team to play the Greek AEK next week in Sydney.

The only veterans are the Marconi pair Prskalo and Henderson and APIA's Peter Stone.

This is the squad: Woodhouse, P. Wilson (Olympic); Souness, Prskalo, Henderson, Stone, Sharne, Krncevic, Jankovics, Jennings, McDonald (Melita); Hall, Beggs, Schuman and Cagali.

Newcastle on Sunday

In a change of playing days, Newcastle KB United will meet St. George on Sunday in the semifinal of the Philips Soccer Cup.

Saturday is the normal match day at the International Sports Centre and officials are expecting a crowd in excess of 15,000 for the prestigious Cup semi-final.

Youth squad

The 1979 Coca-Cola Bottlers Youth Squad has been selected; the players' names, positions, club and State are shown below.

This squad will be prepared by the national coach, Rudi Gutendorf, for the 1981 Coca-Cola World Youth Championships.

Name	Position	Club	State
Michael HARRIS	Goalkeeper	Nepean	(NSW)
Ian HUNTER	Striker	Nepean	(NSW)
Paul KAY	Midfield	St George	(NSW)
Peter RASKOPOLOUS	Midfield	Sydney Olympic	(NSW)
David SKEEN	Libero	St George	(NSW)
Peter VALE	Striker	Manly	(NSW)
Peter WILSON	Goalkeeper	Sydney Olympic	(NSW)
Vlatko BELIC	Striker	Footscray	(VIC)
Stephen BLAIR	Stopper	Albion Leyland	(VIC)
Sean KEOGH	Goalkeeper	Waverley City	(VIC)
Socrates NICHOLAIDES	Wing or Midfield	South Melbourne	(VIC)
Sean PARTON	Defender	Dandenong City	(VIC)
Charlie YANKOS	Utility Defender	Heidelberg Utd	(VIC)
Robert GIOGI	Midfield	Kingsway Olympic	(WA)
James MURRAY	Stopper	Windmills	(WA)
Paul TOMBIDES	Striker	Kingsway Olympic	(WA)
Paul IANNAE	Winger	ED Azzurri	(SA)
Frank MICHELON	Libero	ED Azzurri	(SA)
Richard ENDACOTT	Stopper	Newcastle	(NSW)
Howard TREDINNICK	Midfield	Newcastle	(NSW)
Gary CAPELL	Midfield	St George South	(QLD)
Graig MCLATCHEY	Stopper	Frenchville Utd	(QLD)
Peter CHEYNE	Fullback	Canberra City	(ACT)
Glen HAVELOCK	Goalkeeper	Canberra City	(ACT)
Chris HEY	Utility Defender	Caledonian	(TAS)

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Kick Off U14 at 6.30pm, U15 at 8.00pm, U16 at 9.15pm.

Thursday, August 9, Lambert Park:

U14: Sydney Olympic v Sydney City.

U15: Toongabbie v Polonia.

U16: Toongabbie v Belmore.

Kick Off: U14 at 6.30pm, U15 at 8.00pm, U16 at 9.15pm.

Friday, August 10, Bankstown Soccer Centre:

U14: Bankstown v Marconi.

U15: APIA v Lethbridge.

U16: APIA v Auburn.

ROUND ROBIN SERIES 1979

GROUP A

U14

Bankstown 1, Toongabbie 1. Sydney Olympic 3, APIA 0.

U15

Bankstown 1, Toongabbie 1. APIA 1, Sydney Olympic 0.

U16

APIA 1, Melita 0. Toongabbie 1, Guildford 0.

GROUP A

U14

Bankstown 2, 1 — 5 2 5

Syd. Olympic 2 — 1 9 2 4

Toongabbie — 2 1 4 9 2

APIA — 1 2 3 8 1

U15

APIA 2 1 — 8 5 5

Toongabbie 1 2 — 5 4 4

Bankstown — 2 1 7 9 2

Syd. Olympic — 1 2 4 6 1

U16

APIA 3 — — 8 1 6

Toongabbie 1 1 1 2 3 3

Melita — 2 1 — 1 2

Guildford — 1 2 — 5 1

GROUP B

U14

Marconi 3, Sydney City 0. Belmore 1, Baulkham Hills 0.

U15

Lethbridge 2, Polonia 0. Marconi 2, Sydney City 2.

U16

Belmore 1, Marconi 1. Auburn 2, Sydney City 0.

GROUP B

U14

Marconi 3 — — 11 2 6

Sydney City 1 1 1 1 3 3

Belmore 1 — 2 1 6 2

Baulkham Hills — 1 2 2 4 1

U15

W D L F A P

Lethbridge 3 — — 6 2 6

Polonia 1 1 1 4 3 3

Marconi — 3 — 3 3 3

Sydney City — 1 2 4 8 1

U16

W D L F A P

Auburn 2 1 — 8 2 5

Belmore — 3 — 3 3 3

Marconi 1 1 1 3 5 3

Sydney City — 1 2 — 4 1

UNDER 14 ROUND ROBIN

W D L F A P

Auburn 3 1 — 10 3 7

Melita 2 1 — 14 3 5

Parramatta 2 1 — 4 1 5

Polonia 1 1 2 5 10 3

Guildford — 2 1 — 1 2

Arncliffe — 1 2 1 4 1

Lethbridge — 1 3 1 13 1

UNDER 15

W D L F A P

Parramatta 2 1 — 8 5 5

Guildford 2 1 — 5 3 5

Auburn 2 — 2 13 8 4

Melita 2 — 1 8 6 4

Baulkham Hills 1 1 2 7 9 3

Arncliffe 1 — 2 7 8 2

Belmore — 1 3 4 13 1

UNDER 16

W D L F A P

Sydney Olym. 3 — — 11 4 6

Bankstown 3 — — 5 0 6

Baulkham Hills 2 1 1 8 4 5

Polonia 2 — 2 6 3 4

Arncliffe 1 1 1 5 3 3

Lethbridge — 4 3 13 —

Parramatta — 3 2 13 —

SHIELD ROUND ROBIN

ROUND 5

SATURDAY AUG. 11, Jersey Road

U14: Auburn v Guildford.

U15: Auburn v Guildford.

U16: Baulkham Hills v Sydney Olympic.

Kyeemagh Park:

U14: Melita v Arncliffe.

U15: Melita v Arncliffe.

U16: Bankstown v Arncliffe.

Chopin Park:

U14: Lethbridge v Parramatta.

U15: Baulkham Hills v Parramatta.

U16: Lethbridge v Parramatta.

ROUND 6

SUNDAY, Aug. 12: Ted Horwood Res. No. 3

U14: Auburn v Parramatta.

U15: Auburn v Parramatta.

U16: Baulkham Hills v Parramatta.

Chopin Park:

U14: Arncliffe v Polonia.

U15: Arncliffe v Polonia.

U16: Arncliffe v Polonia.

Everley Park:

U14: Guildford v Melita.

U15: Guildford v Melita.

U16: Sydney Olympic v Bankstown.

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Parra aim to be our Cosmos

—By Keith Gilmour—

Parramatta, through its huge Leagues Club, are contenders for the Philips League in 1981, and 1982 at the absolute latest.

And they are aiming nearly as high as the renowned Cosmos.

The year of their entry will tie in with the opening of their magnificent new 40,000 capacity stadium which will replace the old Cumberland Oval.

They are awaiting final clearance for the project from NSW Lands Minister, Bill Crabtree.

It is believed that all environmental considerations have

been met, and when the approval is received then finance is at the ready.

No spectator will be more than 40 metres from the playing field. "A videomatrix system has been chosen which provides spectators with animated pictures taken from either movies, tapes or slides.

"There will also be a unique lighting system which will meet the highest television requirements," project manager Peter Sheehan said this week.

Parramatta Leagues Club are not turning their back on Rugby League.

"We see an increasing market in the sport, and soccer as a

further string to our bow.

"Both codes can prosper side by side.

"In the United States soccer is growing by leaps and bounds, but American football is bigger than ever," he said.

It is no secret that the Leagues Club sees Parramatta as the Cosmos of Australia.

"The standard of our team must be the highest in Australia, and we will have the best manager that we can possibly obtain," Sheehan emphasised.

The players will be pampered to the limit.

Apart from sports medicine, expert injury treatment, gymnasia and spas, each player's physical progress will be scientifically monitored throughout the year.

Parramatta Leagues Club aim for a setup which is Newcastle KB United Plus, and they have the resources to do it.

They will bring in top soccer administration regardless of background, and produce a support that is Australian and yet as widely multi-ethnic in its composition as the Parramatta area itself.

One thing which Peter Sheehan is adamant on is a department in which Rugby League now leads soccer hands down.

"In Rugby League each kid identifies himself with his big-name favourites and his district

club.

"Soccer youngsters cannot do this and we will be out to remedy it," he said.

And, independent of the putting together of a Philips League club, the Leagues Club board want the ground ready for the 1981 FIFA/Coca-Cola World Youth Tournament.

Use of the ground will show Australian soccer in a new light to the rest of the world, raising our image far beyond what the 1974 World Cup finals did with all their benefits.

MARCONI CANBERRA

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Goals: 0-1 Byrne (62m), 1-1 Krncevic (83m).

MARCONI: Maher 3, Berry 3 (Brogan 78m), Degney 4, Russell 3, Prskalo 5, Henderson 3, Lindsay 3 (Mariani 69m), Vieri 4, Jankovics 4, Krncevic 4, Sharne 3. **Coach:** L. Scheinflug.

CANBERRA: Hoszowski 5, Moulis 4, Milovanovic 3, Kawalewa 3, Brown 4, Farrell 3, Callaghan 3 (Bailey 81m), Fielding 3, Byrne 4, Davies 4, McLaren 4. **Coach:** V. Fernandez. **Referee:** H. Witschge; **Crowd:** 3275; **Cautions:** Milovanovic, Kawalewa, McLaren, Prskalo, Jankovics.

In this postponed game from an earlier round, Marconi started off confidently, blitzing their opponents with sheer pace, breaching the defence with comparative ease.

Much of this good lead-up work was nullified by the strikers who usually attempted to beat one opponent too many, losing possession.

Jankovics and Sharne were lively in the early stages and the Canberra backline was forced to use questionable methods to stop them; this then resulted in a couple of quick cautions.

Lindsay could have taken Marconi to an early lead when he fired wide of the goal in the 7th and again in the 23rd minute.

Canberra looked dangerous when they broke from defence, McLaren and Byrne causing problems for Marconi with their speed and slick ball control.

Hoszowski turned in a great performance in the Canberra goal as he saved many good shots and also plucked out high crosses in the penalty area.

Stopper Brown was solid in defence for Canberra while Moulis, after a shaky start, got the better of Sharne and allowed him very little room.

After soaking up a lot of second half pressure, Canberra looked dangerous: Davies broke clear on the left wing and found Byrne with a long pass.

The striker went around the defence and fired in an acute angle shot to put his side into a shock lead.

Just as it appeared that the desperate Marconi couldn't score at all, a well executed move saw Sharne cross to Jankovics, to head on for Krncevic whose shot slammed into the corner off the upright.

Defences were on top in this interesting, pulsating encounter with Prskalo the best player on show.

—A. HENDERSON

FIRST DIVISION

—By Charles Spiteri—

Revesby Workers, led by the dynamic Greg Byles, were unlucky not to get both points against competition leaders St George.

Greg Gill put Revesby in front early in the game and the Saints found it hard to pierce the enthusiastic Revesby defence. Only when Eddie Reid was ordered off by the referee did St George come forward with some danger.

Their equalising goal seven minutes from the end came from Jack Morlando, a second half replacement, with a freekick which ricocheted off defender Glen Adams into the net.

While the leaders dropped a point, the high flying North Sydney continued their march for the title with a not too convincing victory over Belmore.

Belmore hit the front with an own goal from defender Jim Bottalico but Frank Leyden evened it up by half-time. Norths only came good in the last 15 minutes when they wrapped up the game with another two goals near the end.

The ball playing Polonia could only draw against Blacktown and were even lucky with that. Blacktown led for most of the way and only gave way late in the match. Polonia who had two players sent off in the previous week, had another sent off this weekend.

Sydney City won a free-scoring game against Nepean. City led all the way, but each time they scored, Nepean hit back with an equaliser until they finally ran out of time with the last goal coming from City a few minutes before the end.

APIA, lacking any PSL players in the side, had to fight hard against bottom of the table Queens Park but still managed a clear-cut win.

Warringah fought out a tough game against Olympic to win by the only goal and Marconi also just managed to pip the students with the same score.

MARCONI v UNI of NSW 1-0

Goals: Williams. **Marconi:** Corry, Jones, Sullivan, Nut, Hucker, Rae, Tomasic, McCue, Agius, Williams, Colusso. **Coach:** L. Nesti.

UNI of NSW: Ridings, Hughes, Wren, Harris, Erhardt, McGinn, Keluwin, Pengally, Grahame, Benecke, J. Kelly. **Coach:** R. Harbour.

POLONIA v BLACKTOWN 1-1

Goals: Wozniczka; Clarke. **POLONIA:** Gibson, Fitzsimmons, Crothers, R. Budini,

Svigelj, Pietrzyk, McRory, Wozniczka, A. Budini, Sookkee, Bradley. **Coach:** S. Wozniczka.

BLACKTOWN: Bonnici, Hanisch, Vincent, Sutton, Eldridge, Clarke, Boland, James, McCoy, Burtenshaw, Milakovic (Murray).

BELMORE v NTH SYDNEY 1-3

Goals: J. Bottalico (o.g.); Leyden, Mitchell, A. Bottalico. **BELMORE:** Hines, Vergos, Cruger, McMullen, D. Yaager, De Mestre, J. Yaager, Elder, Morasso, Frakes (Hawthorne), Brown (Reynolds). **Coach:** J. Yaager.

NTH SYDNEY: Lilli, Walker, Falchi, Miller, J. Bottalico, Martinuzzi, Matheson (Richards), Mitchell, A. Bottalico, Leyden, O'Rourke. **Coach:** P. Bottalico.

SYDNEY CITY v NEPEAN 4-3

Goals: Illingworth (2), Svnos, M. Silva; Lemanczyk (2), Hunter. **SYDNEY CITY:** Poulton, McGrouther, Webber, Rogers, Fonsica, Whiteman, Svnos, Illingworth, M. Silva, Miladinski, Dickinson. **Coach:** J. Hughes.

NEPEAN: Harris (Libro), May, Dunn, Hobart, Campbell, Rasmussen (Thoms), Yousiph, Manning, Lemanczyk, Morris, Hunter. **Coach:** D. Adrigan.

WARRINGAH v SYD OLYMPIC 1-0

Goal: Collings. **WARRINGAH:** Dean, B. Beverley, Jagger, Potts, Hiscok, Morris, Duncan, Scott, Collings, Clancey, S. Beverley. **Coach:** J. Van Der Wal.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Not available.

QUEENS PK v APIA 0-2

Goals: Dalton, Dawson. **QUEENS PARK:** Spittle, Coyle, Finneran, Bell, Frow, Mitchell, Sweeney, Thiele, Stenning, Innes, Griffiths. **Coach:** R. Campana.

APIA: Burnett, Jordan, Pappas, Watts, Lawson, Gaitatsis, Palmer (Cappara) Triantiflou (Cardillo), Dawson, Dalton, Cascone. **Coach:** R. Ferguson.

ST GEORGE v REVESBY 1-1

Goals: Morlando; Gill. **ST GEORGE:** Wooten, Skeen, M. O'Shea, Davis, Clarke, Kay, Dale, Terry, Groome, Matic (Morlando), Duarte (Tuntevski). **Coach:** T. Zuckerman.

REVESBY: Donovan, Patterson, Hargreaves, Adams, Pittman, Reid, Byles, Power, Gill (McGovern) Copaz, Mackin. **Coach:** G. Byles.

NSW TABLES

PEPSI STATE LEAGUE

GRADE 1	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia	12	6	1	43	19	30
Monaro	9	7	3	42	26	25
Sutherland	9	5	5	35	28	23
Melita	7	6	5	28	24	20
Auburn	8	4	7	33	32	20
Avala	8	3	8	27	29	19
Mv. Olympic	7	4	8	26	26	18
Bankstown	7	4	8	22	15	18
Ku-ring-gai	5	8	6	22	30	18
Toongabbie	6	5	7	30	29	17
Parramatta	8	1	10	21	35	17
Arncliffe	4	5	9	20	35	13
Manly	4	4	10	17	25	12
Yugal	5	2	11	18	32	12

DIVISION 2, GRADE 3

Glades. Hnsby	15	2	3	39	9	32
Port Hacking	13	2	4	58	19	28
Dee Why	9	5	5	31	20	23
Baulkham Hills	8	5	6	30	28	21
Lane Cove	7	7	5	28	29	21
Marrickville	6	6	7	26	21	18
Lethbridge	5	7	7	17	24	17
Bathurst	5	6	7	22	19	16
Guildford	7	2	10	16	40	16
Glades. Ravens	5	5	9	22	32	15
West Ryde	3	5	11	16	40	11
Yagoona	4	3	12	13	57	11

DIVISION 3, GRADE 1

Yugal	5	2	11	18	32	12	12	Nth. Bankstown	13	4	3	45	20	30
								Ashcroft	12	4	4	40	15	28
								Artarmon	11	5	4	43	27	27
Sutherland	20	15	2	56	9	30	32	Campbelltown	11	2	6	38	22	24
Bankstown	20	10	3	63	23	23	25	Kingsford	9	4	5	47	33	22
Toongabbie	19	4	5	20	22	22	24	Bonnyrigg	7	7	6	45	29	21
Auburn	20	9	5	26	23	21	23	Bondi	8	4	8	27	33	20
Croatia	20	3	8	25	26	21	21	Hurstville	7	4	9	36	53	18
Paramatta	7	6	8	21	17	20	21	Wentworth	6	5	9	30	37	17
Arncliffe	7	6	5	23	20	20	21	Riverstone	5	3	12	27	45	13
Mv. Olympic	7	6	6	21	25	20	21	Syd. Uni	6	0	14	26	46	12
Me. Maitland	7	5	6	25	19	20	20	Ryde Dist.	2	2	16	15	61	6

DIVISION 3, GRADE 2

Monaro		4	5	10	16	31	13	13	Nth. Bankstown	13	1	7	34	23	27
Avonara	19	6	1	12	19	34	13	13	Campbelltown	10	6	3	36	15	26
Yugal		—	3	14	4	49	3	3	Bondi	11	4	5	41	13	26
									Ashcroft	12	1	7	39	28	25
									Ryde Dist.	9	3	8	36	38	21
									Bonnyrigg	8	4	8	32	34	20
Manly		13	1	3	57	14	27	27	Syd. Uni	8	3	9	29	28	19
Auburn		12	3	2	38	12	27	29	Artarmon	8	2	10	36	28	18
Sutherland		11	3	2	38	8	25	27	Riverstone	8	2	10	34	44	18
Bankstown		11	5	2	29	19	25	27	Kingsford	5	3	11	32	46	13
Parramatta		10	3	4	31	18	23	24	Wentworth	5	3	12	23	37	13
Ku-ring-gai		7	5	5	29	17	19		Hurstville	5	2	13	28	57	12
Toongabbie		6	6	5	26	23	18								

DIVISION 4, GRADE 1

Groffia	4	2	11	21	36	10	Nth. Ryde	12	4	3	41	21	28
Avala	1	2	12	18	50	8	Namatjira	10	6	3	39	19	26
Melita	1	5	11	16	39	7	West Holroyd	10	4	5	39	22	24
Yugal	1	5	10	10	42	7	Fairfield Kiev	9	4	5	42	28	22
							Paddington	8	5	5	37	26	21
							Holroyd	9	3	6	35	28	21
DIVISION 1, GRADE 1													
St. George	16	3	2	59	17	35	Eastwood	6	8	5	31	29	20
Nth. Sydney	12	5	4	33	20	29	Padstow	7	3	9	34	32	17
Revesby	10	6	6	43	28	26	Chelsea	6	5	8	23	25	17
Syd. City	12	1	7	43	28	25	Maroubra	5	2	12	32	57	12
Wollongong	10	5	5	30	29	25	Revesby	3	2	13	21	53	8
Polonia	10	4	6	44	36	24	Nth. Rocks	3	2	13	15	49	8

DIVISION 4, GRADE 2

Millmore	7	6	7	22	35	20
APIA	8	3	11	34	44	19
Marconi	7	2	12	34	40	16
Blacktown	5	5	11	25	48	15
Syd. Olympic	4	4	12	24	38	14
Warringah	5	4	13	23	46	14
Queens Park	2	4	15	20	57	8
DIVISION 1, GRADE 2						
St. George	12	4	4	55	22	28
APIA	10	8	3	31	30	28
Revesby	13	2	7	36	26	28
Padstow	16	3	—	51	11	35
West Holroyd	11	3	5	34	26	25
Paddington	10	4	4	32	20	24
Eastwood	9	4	6	28	29	22
Nth Ryde	10	1	8	32	26	21
Namatjira	8	4	7	26	23	19
Chelsea	7	2	10	28	31	16
Nth. Rocks	5	6	8	32	39	16
Holroyd	4	5	9	17	28	13
Maroubra	6	1	12	22	36	13
Fairfield Kiev	4	3	10	22	38	11
Revesby	3	1	13	15	36	7

DIVISION 5, GRADE 1

Nepean	9	6	6	42	32	24
Syd. City	10	3	6	29	21	23
Uni. NSW	9	4	9	40	35	22
Nth. Sydney	9	3	9	28	29	21
Blacktown	7	3	11	28	41	17
Olympic	5	4	12	18	29	14
Polonia	4	4	11	22	31	12
Warringah	4	3	15	22	57	11
Queens Pk.	1	2	18	16	58	4

DIVISION 1, GRADE 3

Olympic	17	3	1	68	17	37
Canley Heights	13	4	2	40	17	30
Edensor Park	11	3	5	41	31	25
Macquarie Uni.	9	3	6	46	36	21
Haberfield	9	3	6	46	40	19
West S. Geo.	6	7	6	38	34	19
Maccabi	6	6	6	33	25	18
Pagewood	8	2	9	38	50	18
Fairfield W.	7	2	9	34	34	16
Auburn Jun.	6	3	10	27	39	15
Concordia	5	4	10	27	37	14
Camden	5	4	10	24	39	14
Hawkesbury	5	3	11	33	45	13

DIVISION 5, GRADE 2

Nevesby	15	2	5	45	25	32	West. St. Geo.	13	2	4	46	19	28
St. George	14	2	4	80	13	30	Fairfield W.	11	4	3	44	19	26
Nepean	13	3	5	47	31	29	Maccabi	9	6	3	38	23	24
Belmore	9	4	7	46	36	22	Haberfield	10	3	6	35	24	23
Wollongong	7	3	11	27	46	17	Canley Heights	9	3	6	36	26	21
Syd. City	5	6	8	27	30	16	Pagewood	8	3	8	30	31	19
Nth. Sydney	5	5	11	25	36	15	Macquarie Uni.	7	4	7	35	27	18
Blacktown	4	5	12	25	49	13	Auburn Jun.	6	5	8	34	36	17
Warringah	6	1	15	19	55	13	Camden	5	4	10	22	34	14
Queens Pk.	4	1	16	24	64	9	Edensor Park	5	4	10	20	39	14
Uni NSW	2	3	16	21	61	7	Hawkesbury	4	5	10	21	33	13
Polonia	2	2	18	14	48	6	Concordia	3	1	15	14	64	7

DIVISION 6, GRADE 1

Glades. Ravens	10	7	2	31	16	27	Winston Hills	17	1	1	85	19	35
Bathurst	10	5	3	30	14	25	Blacktown	13	2	2	70	22	28
Baulkham Hills	9	6	4	31	17	24	Chullora	12	3	2	52	20	27
Lethbridge	9	5	5	34	26	23	Moorebank	11	3	3	36	15	25
Marrickville	7	9	3	25	19	23	Liver. Utd.	8	4	6	24	30	20
Yagoona	10	3	6	30	29	23	Liver. City	9	—	8	30	34	18
Glades. Hnsby	7	6	7	21	20	20	Bankstown	7	3	9	44	40	17
Dee Why	4	7	8	23	28	15	Mt. Pritchard	7	2	8	28	40	16
Lane Cove	5	5	9	15	23	15	Sth. Sydney	2	7	10	21	37	11
Guildford	4	6	9	26	34	14	Greystanes	2	4	13	18	51	8
Port Hacking	4	2	13	23	36	10	Green Valley	3	2	12	23	65	8
West Ryde	3	3	13	14	41	9	Lakemba	3	1	15	18	54	7

DIVISION 6, GRADE 2

Windsor. Ravens	15	3	1	53	9	33																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																													
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WESTFIELD SCOREBOARD

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NSW: BURWOOD, EASTWOOD, FIGTREE (WOLLONGONG), HURSTVILLE, HORNSBY, LIVERPOOL, MIRANDA, NORTH ROCKS, PARRAMATTA.
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APIA	3(1)	OLYMPIC	1(1)	WEST ADEL.	0	STH. MELB.	1(0)	FOOTSCRAY	1(1)	N'CASTLE	3(2)	BRIS. CITY	0
CANBERRA	0	ADEL. CITY	2(0)	SYD. CITY	2(1)	MARCONI	2(1)	ST. GEO.	3(1)	H'BERG	3(1)	BRIS. LIONS	0

Goals: 1-0 Reed (5m), 2-0 Reed (46m), 3-0 McGinn (80m).
APIA: Woodhouse 4, McGinn 4, Wilson 5, Dempsey 3, Pullen 3, O'Donnell 4, Stone 3, Roberts 3 (Drews 75m), Butler 5, Reed 4, Vernon 4. **Coach:** R. Richards.

CANBERRA CITY: Hoszowski 3, Moulis 3, Milovanovic 3, Brown 3, Kawalewa 3, Davies 4, Farrell 3, Cant 3 (Gruicic 75m), Bailey 2 (Lustica 54m), Byrne 3, McLaren 2. **Coach:** V. Fernandez.

Referee: H. Witschge; **Crowd:** 3728; **Caution:** Reed.
Watching Canberra's insipid display one had to secretly admire those enthusiastic Canberra fans who were prepared to travel 10 hours in a crowded bus to see such a wretched performance by their sons.

Apart from a couple of promising, ever so briefly inspired moves in the first half, Canberra were never in the hunt; they submitted meekly and went down quietly.

APIA were aggressive and frisky from the very start and never loosened their iron grip on the match.

Early in the piece Reed accepted a gifthorse in the goalmouth, flicking home APIA's first goal.

Byrne could have made it 1-1 in the 23rd minute but shot wide — and with that Canberra's firepower seemed to be exhausted.

When Reed's clever glancing header from a McGinn cross brought up 2-0 straight after resumption, a bonus point became a possibility.

But APIA never really went after that and made their fans wait for the third goal until near the end when McGinn's clearly miskicked ball trickled in under Hoszowski's torso.

Wilson and Butler gave high class performances; it's difficult to understand, really, how Butler, with all his skill, mobility and intelligence can be so constantly overlooked by Gutendorf while players of infinitely more modest talent are built into "stardom".

As for Wilson, he treated Canberra's featherweight attackers with contempt, establishing complete mastery in front of his goal and confirming that he still has no peers as a stopper in Australian soccer.

APIA are definitely on the mend but Canberra gave possibly the poorest display seen in the PSL this season in Sydney.
—A. DETTRE

Goals: 1-0 Bell (3m pen.) 1-1 J. Nyskohus (80m), 1-2 Marwee (83m).

OLYMPIC: P. Wilson 3, Rowden 2, Bell 4, K. Wilson 4, Cross 2, Raskopoulos 3, Morris 2, Laing 4, Scott 2 (Karaspoulos 77m), Eaton 2 (McIntosh 60m), Jennings 3. **Coach:** J. Xipolitis.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 3, Russell 2, Perin 3, Dods 4, B. Nyskohus 3, Marwee 3, Muniz 4, Northcote 2, Deans 4 (Villani 55m), J. Nyskohus 4, Kent 3. **Coach:** R. Rasic.

Referee: T. Beazleigh (Vic.); **Crowd:** 3250.

Adelaide City were the better team on the day even though it took them until 10 minutes from time to prove it.

Olympic had an early bonus: in the 3rd minute Perin brought down Jenkins inside the box and Bell converted the duly awarded penalty.

Full of confidence, Olympic threw the ball around and stretched the Adelaide defence almost to the limits.

Eaton, however, clearly short of match practice, had an offday and with lack of any power in the centre spot, Olympic could do no better than get the single penalty goal.

Andy Scott, like Eaton, didn't seem to want to stay in one spot long enough to pick up balls.

Once Adelaide City overcame the shock of the early goal, started to put their game together, but showed a lack of penetration.

Before the interval Richie Bell and Ken Wilson were able to keep City at arm's length and the only shots that came to young Peter Wilson were from long range; he took them all with ease.

After the break Olympic retreated into defence and had to sustain almost non-stop pressure for the full 45 minutes.

Then the pressure finally told. Kent cleverly flighted a freekick round the defensive wall and John Nyskohus, who had prompted and run well all day, put the ball into the net with a flying header.

From then on it was all Adelaide City.

Three minutes later Muniz showed some of his magic on the byline; the ball went to Marwee completely unmarked and he couldn't miss.

With Bell missing at the end Olympic were at a loss against the rampaging City forwards who, with a bit of accuracy, could have grabbed two more goals.
—R. DEWICK

Goals: 0-1 Tymczyszyn (o.g. 16m), 0-2 Stevenson (81m).

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 4, Tymczyszyn 3, Pantisaras 3, Dooley 4, Pillans 3 (Fernandez 79m), Jones 4, Boyle 3 (McCulloch 79m), Kosmina 4, Norris 3, Honeyman 5, McGregor 4. **Coach:** T. Forde.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 4, Mullen 4, Bruce 4, Kershaw 4, Gomez 4, Patikas 4, Souness 3, Barnes 5, Silva 4, Campbell 4, Stevenson 4. **Coach:** G. Chaldi.

Referee: S. Mellings (Vic). **Crowd:** 2,500. **Cautions:** Honeyman, Gomez.

This clash between reigning champions Westad and 1977 titleholders Sydney City was a test of the reserve resources of both clubs.

Each side was decimated by injuries and suspensions; The Slickers were without, Thomson, O'Connor, Watson and Smith, while Westad were minus Reynolds, Kambas, Bozanic and of course, McGachey.

City coach Gerry Chaldi recognised that his biggest danger would come from Westad playmaker Boyle and his ploy of assigning "unknown" Patikas as a destroyer, was a decisive factor.

Patikas, a strapping 15-year-old in his first full PSL game, stuck like a leech to the experienced Boyle and while he did not completely subdue him, succeeded in hustling him off his usual match-winning game.

Gomez, another relative City newcomer, survived a shaky start on the rain-soaked surface to lend effective support to Mullen, Bruce and Kershaw in the back four.

The Slickers played a 4-4-2 system with only Campbell and Hilton Silva up front, while Westad employed a 4-4-3 formation.

The contrasting methods presented West with a golden chance to exploit their freekick in overlapping raids, but Honeyman was the only back four player to venture forward consistently.

Westad took the early honors when they engineered five scoring chances in the first 15 minutes, but a luckless own goal by Tymczyszyn restored City's confidence.

The Slickers clinched the points nine minutes from full-time when Stevenson expertly lobbed the ball over Crook's head to score a classic goal.
—A. CRISP

Goals: 0-1 Henderson (20m), 1-1 Ristovski (56m) 1-2 Krncevic (70m).

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets 3, Pye 3, Kyriakoulis 4, Kalafatidis 3, Turner 3, Wright 3, Christopoulos 2, Luton 3, Ristosvki 3, Evans 4, Campbell 3. **Coach:** M. Poulakakis.

MARCONI: Maher 3, Jones 3, Prskalo 5, Russell 3, Degmey 3, Vieri 5, Henderson 3, Lindsay 3, Sharne 2 (Mariani 65m), Jankovics 3, Krncevic 4. **Coach:** L. Scheinflug.

Referee: J. Johnston; **Crowd:** 5,000.

South Melbourne supporters were staggered when they saw their team take the field without ace defender Baxter.

He is supposedly in dispute with the club where, according to reports, the spirit has hit an all-time low.

Marconi scored fairly early to establish some command over the proceedings.

In the 20th minute Jankovics challenged Kyriakoulis for a high cross from the right, the ball ran loose to Henderson who rammed it home.

Eleven minutes into the second half Souths' hopes were raised with an excellent goal.

Pye's pass went to Wright to Evans and there was newly signed Mendo Ristovski for the final pass, to hit it home.

Souths looked capable of holding Marconi though the Sydney team was always sharper and faster.

Several chances were wasted in front of both goals but Marconi always seemed the likelier to get the winner.

And this they did. Some 20 minutes from the end Prskalo took a freekick quickly over the wall and former Melbourne darling Krncevic backheaded the ball into the top corner.

Easily the best men on the field were Prskalo and Vieri, Marconi's two veterans who dominated their departments.

South Melbourne's woes continue and it's hard to see them crawl out of their terrible slump.
—LES SHURROCK



Goals: 1-0 Lujic (42 min) — 1-1 Cotton (43 min), 1-2 Cotton (53 min) 1-3 Cotton (88 min).

FOOTSCRAY: Potter 3, Ilioski 4, Hazabent 3, Jovicic 3, (Vasic 60 m.) Kondarios 4, Jovanovic 4, Palinkas 3, O'Reilly 4, Piciaone 3, Ollerton 4, Lujic 4. **Coach:** R. McLachlan.

ST. GEORGE: Fraser 3, Harris 3, Utjesenovic 4, Mihajlovic 4, R. O'Shea 4, Grosse 4, Gnavi 3, J. O'Shea 4, Fenoughty 3. **Cotton 5, O'Connor 4. Coach:** R. Blanco.

Referee: N. Karlich (Vic.); **Crowd:** 1,000; **Cautions:** Lujic, Gnavi.

Hero of this fighting display was Roy Cotton with his 'hat-trick' along with his gutsy flair for putting Footscray under pressure at all times.

Footscray began well enough with Piciaone, Jovicic, Ollerton, Palinkas and Lujic all involved but with negative results.

St. George were playing too cautiously, and rarely troubled the home side.

Ollerton was the prompter and Lujic the scorer with a very fine header in the 42nd minute.

Within 25 seconds Cotton had levelled the score from a Mihajlovic pass.

The second half proved frustrating with Jovicic failing to mark danger man Cotton closely.

Jovanovic continued his fine form, and was hampered in his efforts by too much dead wood in the Footscray team.

Grosse must have made some impact on the result by his close attention to Ollerton, who still played well.

Cotton latched on to a ball from a throw in and bustled into the box for a sizzling goal from an acute angle in the 53rd minute.

Footscray fought back courageously with Kondarios coming up front, but the defence of Utjesenovic, Mihajlovic, R. O'Shea and Grosse held out.

St. George, playing an open game with much more confidence, were good value for their third goal with increasing rain making the surface greasy.

Cotton's devastating play was capped by a pass taken on the run from Mihajlovic for a snappy goal in the dying minutes.
—J. STEPHEN

Goals: 1-0 Senkalski (8m), 2-0 Heys (28m) 2-1 Buljevic (36m), 3-1 Boden (48m), 3-2 Tansey (76m) 3-3 Cole (77m).

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED: Dando 3, Willis 3, Summerscales 3, Drinkwater 4, Curran 5, Senkalski 4, Bertogna 3, Tredinnick 3, Heys 3, Boden 3, McClelland 3. **Coach:** A. Vest.

HEIDELBERG UNITED: Banovic 3, McMillan 4, Provan 3, Bannon 3, Tansey 3, Campbell 4, Taylor 3, Rooney 3, Paton 3, Cole 3, Buljevic 4. **Coach:** M. Poulakakis.

Referee: W. Jones; **Crowd:** 10,134; **Caution:** Taylor.

The goal famine at the International Sports Centre ended with a highscoring 3-3 draw, after Newcastle had seemed likely to gain their first bonus point of the year.

Newcastle's superiority was surprising against a dreadfully suspect defence which, however, had only conceded 19 goals in 17 matches.

Lack of understanding between Paddy Bannon and Jim Tansey allowed Joe Senkalski and Graham Heys to notch early goals to give Newcastle a deserved 2-0 lead.

Against such a jittery defence Newcastle could have run to 4-0 lead at halftime, but instead a soft goal by Branko Buljevic from a Jimmy Rooney corner reduced the lead.

A Ken Boden goal gave Newcastle a 3-1 lead three minutes after halftime and Malcolm McClelland muffed a gilt-edged opportunity which would have finished off the struggling Heidelberg.

Instead, a long break from defence by Bannon which saw him run 40 metres unchecked prised open the home defence and Dando again had to admit defeat to Tansey.

Worse was to follow when the 10,000 spectators were shocked to see Heidelberg notch the equalising goal through Gary Cole, again the lack of defensive discipline being evident.

Referee W. Jones, who had been severely criticised for his handling of the St. George-Marconi match recently, gave a first rate exhibition keeping tight control throughout.
—M. HAY

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 4, Perry 4, Ratcliffe 4, Potter 4, Wilkinson 4, Coyne 3, Pimblett 3, Lowe 3, (Gaffney 65m), Caldwell 2, (Brusasco 65m), Campbell 4, Kelso 3. **Coach:** N. Sattich.

BRISBANE LIONS: Lowndes 4, Wallace 3 (Laslo 55m), Lawrie 4, Bennett 5, Lavelle 4, Ogden 2, Hermiston 3, Millman 4, Brennan 3, Fairbrother 3, Hughes 2. **Coach:** M. Carson. **Referee:** T. Boskovic (NSW). **Crowd:** 4,450; **Caution:** Millman.

What a rousing, torrid affair this local derby turned out to be.

Both sides, desperate for points for differing reasons, set about each other in no uncertain manner and the big crowd loved every minute.

Referee Boskovic allowed much physical jousting without ever losing control and the outcome was a rip-roaring old fashioned cup tie that lacked nothing excepting goals, and there were so many near things at each end that no-one really noticed.

Lions started off as underdogs and immediately showed they were not going to submit easily.

They hustled and busted City's midfield out of their stride with the result that control was never achieved by either team where it matters.

Some tremendous "battles" were taking place, little individual contests between Lavelle and Caldwell, Millman and Pimblett, Campbell and Bennett, Fairbrother and Ratcliffe, Wallace and Lowe and in most of these cases it was the Lions player who finished with the edge.

Lions' Carson tried a tactical change when he replaced Wallace with Laslo and if anything this allowed City to come into the game but, with "goal poacher" Lowe substituted, it was left to Kelso and Campbell to finish moves and in this they failed miserably.

Earlier Brennan had missed two of the easiest chances he's ever likely to get.

A draw was perhaps the best result on the day. The crowd loved every minute of it, goals or no goals.
—J. BINNIE

Amateurs

The NSW Amateur finalists show a distinctive northside flavour for the three matches to be staged at Punchbowl Oval next Sunday.

For the first time Ku-ring-gai are represented, and Wahroonga club have done themselves proud by gaining places in both the under-21 Robertson Cup final and the under 18 State Cup final.

In addition Epping YMCA of Gladesville-Hornsby are in the NSW Amateur Cup final.

Sunday's program is: NSW Amateur Cup final, Cronulla RSL v Epping YMCA 2.30pm; Robertson Cup final, Wahroonga v North Sutherland 12.30pm; Under 18 State Cup final East Bankstown v Wahroonga 10.30am.

PHILIPS LEAGUE TABLE

	AGGREGATE										HOME										AWAY									
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1 (1) MARCONI	20	11	6	3	45	23	28	4	32	10	4	4	2	19	15	12	10	7	2	1	26	8	16	10	4	3	3	14	15	11
2 (2) BRISBANE CITY	20	10	5	5	29	21	25	1	26	10	6	2	2	15	6	14	10	4	3	3	14	15	11	10	6	2	2	16	7	14
3 (3) SYDNEY CITY	19	11	2	6	36	23	24	1	25	9	5	—	4	20	16	10	11	6	2	2	16	7	14	10	6	2	2	16	7	14
4 (4) ADELAIDE CITY	20	9	6	5	34	24	24	1	25	9	3	3	3	11	12	9	11	6	3	3	23	12	15	10	3	4	3	13	14	10
5 (6) NEWCASTLE	20	8	7	5	30	23	23	—	23	10	5	3	2	17	9	13	10	3	4	3	13	14	10	9	3	2	4	9	15	8
6 (5) WEST ADELAIDE	20	9	4	7	26	24	22	1	23	11	6	2	3	17	9	14	9	3	2	4	9	15	8	10	4	2	4	16	14	10
7 (7) HEIDELBERG	18	8	5	5	29	22	21	1	22	8	4	3	1	13	8	11	10	4	2	4	16	14	10	10	5	1	4	12	12	10
8 (8) APIA	20	9	3	8	24	24	21	—	21	10	4	2	4	12	12	10	11	4	3	4	13	14	11	11	4	3	4	13	14	11
9 (9) CANBERRA	20	6	7	7	22	26	19	—	19	9	2	4	3	9	11	8	11	4	3	4	13	14	11	10	5	1	4	14	11	11
10 (10) OLYMPIC	20	7	3	10	22	24	17	—	17	10	2	2	6	8	13	6	8	2	1	5	7	14	5	8	2	1	5	7	14	5
11 (11) FOOTSCRAY	19	6	2	11	19	32	14	—	14	11	4	1	6	12	18	9	10	3	2	4	13	14	11	10	3	2	4	13	14	11
12 (12) BRIS. LIONS	19	6	2	11	20	34	14	—	14	10	3	—	7	13	23	6	9	3	2	4	13	14	11	10	3	2	4	13	14	11
13 (14) ST. GEORGE	19	4	4	11	21	38	12	—	12	9	2	2	5	9	17	6	10	2	2	6	12	21	6	10	2	2	6	12	21	6
14 (13) STH. MELBOURNE	20	4	2	14	19	38	10	—	10	11	3	1	7	14	17	7	9	1	1	7	5	21	3	9	1	1	7	5	21	3

BP: Bonus points for wins by 4 goals or more.
TP: Total points.



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TOP PSL SCORERS

JANKOVICS (Marconi)	13
KRNCEVIC (Marconi)	11
SMITH (Syd. City)	10
BYRNE (Canberra)	9
DEANS (Adel. City)	8
BRENNAN (Br. Lions)	8
COLE (Heidelberg)	8
DRINKWATER (N'castle)	7
WATSON (Syd. City)	7
SHARNE (Marconi)	7
LOW (Br. City)	7
REED (APIA)	7
BARNES (Syd. City)	6
PICIOANE (Footscray)	6
EATON (Olympic)	6
KENT (Adel. City)	6
KOSMINA (Westad)	6
COTTON (St. George)	6

WOLLONGONG'S BID FOR PSL

Wollongong are expected to officially announce their bid for Philips League status in 1980 late this week.

A strong group of civic and business leaders have been examining the proposal.

They include two former Lord Mayors, Tony Bevin and Ernie Ford, former Deputy Lord Mayor Harold Hanson, Bill Dryburgh, and Jim McCormack.

"There is no better proposition available to us in any sport than the one to put Wollongong in the nationally-promoted Philips League," solicitor Harold Hanson said this week.

Three outstanding sponsorship possibilities are under examination.

And WIN4 director Alan Hoy, the 2WL management, and now the influential Illawarra Mercury will be behind the venture.

Apart from the populous but unfortunately so distant Perth, Wollongong is the biggest city in Australia which is not a member of the Philips League.

Wollongong Showground has a capacity of over 16,000 spectators, with 3,500 seated under cover of the big brick stand which runs parallel to the playing pitch.

THE WEEK THAT WAS

• St George have to modify their brand new floodlighting system at Barton Park as it interferes with nearby Mascot airport operations. Two weeks ago an aircraft couldn't land as the pilot was blinded and a training match had to be abandoned at the urgent request of Transport Department authorities.

• Ray Richards, APIA: "We should have scored more goals and got a bonus point. What a performance by Peter Wilson!"

• Victor Fernandez, Canberra: "The team was tired after Wednesday's game. This was one of our worst displays in 1979."

• Canberra's Roy Stark is being rested as he is sorting out some personal problems; his place in the defence has been taken over by Keni Kawalewa.

• Eric Carruthers, the brilliant APIA midfielder, has his left forearm broken in three places (v. Heidelberg) and will be out for two or three weeks.

• Terry Smith, the goal-scoring ace of Sydney City, has recovered from his ankle injury and has resumed regular training.

• Quite a few Canberra players are outspoken about the value of their departed English star colleague, Ian Callaghan. "He was a dead loss in the team," one said. "He managed to ruin our midfield without ever improving our attack. I hope he never comes back next year."

• Olympic's ex-Socceroo stopper Richie Bell suffered a serious eye injury last Sunday when a ball, from close range, knocked him cold. Straight after the match he was taken to an eye specialist for examination. Ironically, Bell is an optometrist himself.

• "We had nothing to lose by attacking, so we threw caution to the winds and used four forwards to good effect," said APIA's smiling Ray Richards after the clear 3-0 win over Canberra City.

• Canberra's Vic Fernandez

was not so happy. He understood that the result was likely after the team had used all its steam against Marconi on the Wednesday night.

• "Jim Preston's knee injury, a knock he received in training, is responding very slowly, so it might be a couple of weeks yet before he is back," says Newcastle coach Alan Vest.

• "We wanted Geoff Dann, the Queensland representative right-back from Ipswich. However, his club decided not to let him go, so that is that for this year," says Brisbane Lions coach Matt Carson.

• Adelaide City's Rale Rasic: "We will have to forget about Jim Muir for the rest of the season due to a badly torn groin muscle. John Besir will miss a couple of weeks with groin strain."

• Raul Blanco, St. George: "We didn't play as well as in the previous two games — but fought superbly for the points."

• Peter Hensman, St. George, will be back for Sunday's Cup match after serving a week's suspension.

• How accurate are crowd figures? According to reliable reports, last Sunday's crowd in Olympic Park at the Footscray match was about 200 — and all this in Olympic Park, which can hold 35,000 or more and costs about \$1,800 to be used.

• Rudi Gnani, Saints' Argentinian midfield maestro, will miss Sunday's Cup match in Newcastle, serving a one week suspension for accumulated cautions.

• Gerry Chaldi, Sydney City: "My replacement players are not stars, but they badly wanted to play and they gave everything they had. I'm very pleased with the team spirit. Now we have to keep up the good work for the rest of the season."

• Tom Forde, West Adelaide: "You can't afford to give away goals and not take your chances against a team like Sydney City."

• Westad mid-field dynamo Peter Boyle suffered a gashed ankle against Sydney City on Sunday, but highly credentialled trainer, Howard Wells is confident that Boyle has no lasting damage.

• Bobby McLachlan of Footscray said that some of his players did not pull their weight and showed little enthusiasm for the contest. This left the task to the willing ones with the expected result.

• Victoria will meet the Greek Champions A.E.K. Athens at Olympic Park, Melbourne on Sunday at 3pm.

The composition of the Greek side is not known at this stage, and the limits of Olympic Park — about 35,000 — will be stretched to capacity.

• A development lease of the former Heidelberg Olympic Village arena on a 30-year term has been completed and the official handing over ceremony was made to the Heidelberg United Soccer Club at the Heidelberg Town Hall last Thursday. The development of stage one is near completion. President — Jim Mangopoulos said: "We were formed in 1958 and this is a fine 21st anniversary gift."

• Brisbane City's Nereo Saffich: "I am terribly disappointed with today's game. Our boys must learn they have to play for 90 minutes, not leave it to the last 20 before coming good. They did not do what I wanted until I used the two substitutes and then they missed the chances that the tactics created."

• Mat Carson, Lions: "I'm proud of the way the team fought today. We still have a few things to sort out but every man gave his all today and that's a big step forward for any team. With this spirit and some more work we'll start to pick up the points we need."

• Alan Vest (Newcastle United): "It was good to see some of our created chances being snapped up, but it was again lack of experience which allowed Heidelberg to steal one point in the late stages."

• Manny Poulakakis (Heidelberg): "How happy we were to gather a point to keep us well in the running for the semifinals. It is pleasing to gain a share of the points when we did not play well."



Canberra City's John Davies hurtles past APIA's Elwyn Roberts in Sunday's match. However, all the efforts of little Davies were in vain during the afternoon.

OFFICIAL PROGRAM OF PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE



THIS WEEK

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10

Heidelberg v Footscray 8pm, Olympic Pk. (R.14)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

Marconi v West Adelaide 3pm, Marconi (R.21)

PHILIPS CUP SEMIFINALS:

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

Adelaide City v Can. 2.30pm, Olympic Field

Newcastle v St. Geo. 2.30pm, Int. Sp. Centre

NEXT WEEK

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

St. George v Sth. Melb. 3pm, Barton

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

Br. Lions v APIA 3pm, Perry Park

Adel. City v Footscray 3pm, Olympic Field

Canberra v Newcastle 3pm, Int. Sp. Centre

Heidelberg v Olympic 3pm, Olympic Pk

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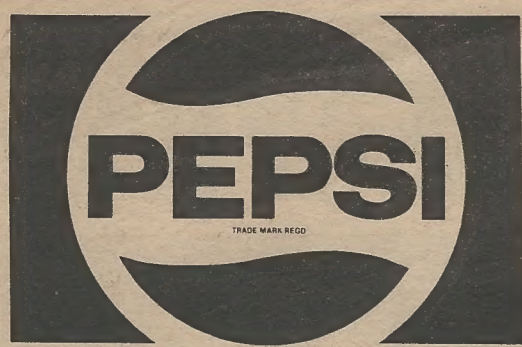
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PEPSI STATE SOCCER

CONFIDENTIAL REPORT



"Our ambition is to eventually make Arncliffe the best soccer team in Australia," said Arncliffe secretary Dave Doran.

"That is obviously going to be a long term project, and will take a tremendous amount of effort on our part.

"But if it means that we will have to join the PSL to do it, and logically it would, then we will join and meet their requirements," he said.

"Views are split on the promotion issue.

"One of the main criteria will definitely be whether teams can afford to pay for the privilege of the PSL status.

"There are others that come into play, and once they do, I don't think there is any other way than by having a selection panel.

"Leaving it up to league performances is taking too much of a chance.

"Clubs that have worked for years to build up something can see it all crash down in one season quite easily.

"It would be silly to relegate teams on one season's performance.

"Over a period of a couple of years, yes, take that into account and then if they show a constant lack of promise, then relegate them," Dave said.

"As to where relegated teams go, there is nowhere else but the State League, and I don't think we could really expect them to accept a drop to First Division," Dave said.

AUBURN

"If we could find a large enough sponsor, then we would consider looking seriously at the PSL," said Auburn's secretary Derek Bedwell.

"We are not ready for the PSL, and I don't think there are too many teams in the State League who are.

"I think that the present system for promotion and relegation is not truly fair.

"I would favour a play-off series among State representatives.

"These teams wouldn't have to be the State champions, but the teams that have fulfilled the PSL's requirements as regards grounds, spectators and management.

"These teams then could be pitted against one another in a round-robin competition or a home and away basis to see which is the best team," Derek said.

"I agree that it could lead to a situation where there is a dominance from one city, but I doubt it.

"As regards teams coming down from the PSL, our club's attitude is still not clear, but there is still a strong feeling against just blindly re-accepting teams back in," Derek said.



"Obviously we are ultimately aiming for the best possible soccer for our supporters, and at present that

means PSL," said an Avala spokesman.

"The promotion and relegation system as it is presently set out has a lot of problems.

"The main one is that the 14 clubs could decide to hold onto their position for ever, and then we would get the same situation as in League, where the competition hasn't changed in years, and where poorly performing and drawing teams stay in.

"The State League should welcome any PSL team that is relegated, because I feel that they would help to lift the overall standard of the State League.

"Playing against more experienced players would help all teams, and so I can't see why we should not let the relegated PSL team back into the State League," he said.



"Quite definitely we would be looking at PSL status, in the future," Bankstown's PR man Stan Peck.

"But not for at least another three or four years," he said.

"We don't have any pre-determined master plan for promotion, but I suppose we are like most clubs and aim for the top.

"At present though we are more interested in maintaining our present level of success.

"The best system I could see for the PSL, if it wants to accept teams, is to have a play off series among teams that qualify for the formula.

"A straight out value judgment would be fraught with intrigues, whereas just having State League champions each other would mean that some teams unable to meet the extra burden could be allowed into the PSL.

"The relegated teams must be allowed back into the State League, for First Division would be unacceptable to them, and I must say that it would be to most clubs as well," Stan said.



"Quite definitely we have PSL aspirations," said Croatia secretary Peter Lukunic.

"We had a meeting of our membership last week and it was agreed that we should apply as soon as possible," he said.

"On the question of promotion and relegation, I feel that the best possible teams should have the chance to get into the competition.

"By best I mean the best soccer standards," Peter added.

"After all, what we are aiming at is to improve the standard of soccer.

"In this way we would be guaranteed of a good team in the top league," he said.

"Therefore I would suggest a play off among teams that qualify under all the other guidelines of grounds, management and supporters.

"As regards a relegated Sydney PSL team, I can only see them coming back into the State League.

"That may mean eventually an odd number in a league, but that is something that could in fact be exploited," Peter said.

The ASF will discuss this week matters relating to promotion and relegation in the Philips Soccer League. We felt it was a good time to run a survey among the NSW State League clubs on the subject.

We asked Clubs —

- Are they interested in obtaining PSL status now, or later;
- Do they have any views on how the promotion system should work;
- What should happen to any NSW club dropping out of the PSL.

Their answers below offer illuminating reading. The majority, even some of the strugglers, do have PSL ambitions.

The opinions on the promotion method are rather divided though a surprising number prefer a "guided" democracy.

Finally, almost all feel that any relegated team should be accommodated in the State League.

Which poses an interesting problem: the five PSL teams in Sydney are NOT affiliated to the NSW Federation — only their three reserve teams are . . .



"I think the northern side of Sydney has been totally neglected by the PSL and I feel that it could easily support a PSL side," said Manly president George Dick.

"We would definitely be eventually aiming for PSL status, and possibly a union between ourselves and Ku-ring-gai to produce a team would be an answer," he said.

"As regards the promotion and relegation system, I think that the present system is a viable enough one, as long as common sense prevails.

"If the situation gets to the stage where it has in Rugby League, where clubs keep on voting themselves in, at the expense of progressive clubs in other lower leagues, then I think the PSL will fail.

"Any relegated Sydney PSL team should drop back into the State League, and it wouldn't just mean that if a Sydney team went down and another should go up," he said.

"The election process for promotion is as near to a just system as there is, because otherwise we could get a situation where one city would dominate, and at this early stage of the PSL that would be a death knell," George added.



"Obviously we would be aiming at PSL status, and I feel that we would be ready for it in another year," said Melita president Emmanuel Said.

"We would need another year to consolidate our financial position, and look into strengthening our management and organization.

"I feel that at the end of next season we may be in a position to apply for PSL membership," Emmanuel said.

"The promotion and relegation issue has various aspects to it, all of which can be argued forcibly.

"My own personal feeling is that the last team should go out, and then the place be filled by the best available that has applied for membership from the State Leagues.

"If we are serious about improving the standard then this is the only way I can see of ensuring that the best teams get into the best league," he said.

"This could mean that various leagues increase in size, because of teams dropping out of the PSL, but I think that can be easily handled.

"Some people are maintaining an 'eye for an eye' attitude towards the PSL clubs that initially

left us, but I think that is wrong, and the relegated teams should automatically come back to State league.

"We should work it that the State Leagues be the 'second division' of the national league and we should work together," Emmanuel added.



MARCO POLO CLUB QUEANBEYAN

"We are always interested in improving the standard of entertainment for our supporters, and naturally that would mean aiming eventually for the Philips League," said Inter Monaro publicity officer Wendy York.

"I don't see how any club could be really satisfied with staying as they are.

"If that was the case, then I think they should pack up and let dedicated clubs move in," she said.

"Our views on the promotion and relegation system are fairly different from most.

"We feel that the PSL is not yet strong enough to accept promotion and relegation.

"Arguments that we can't allow teams from Newcastle and Canberra to drop into the backwater again are valid — as are their arguments that these teams are drawing well.

"However, if they ever get into the position where they are likely to be relegated, I'm sure that their crowds will drop off.

"And it doesn't mean that that centre will never be able to have a PSL representative again.

"The question on where the relegated PSL teams should go is simple — they should come back to State League.

"Their addition would be a bonus to the State League, as they would add to the standard," Wendy said.

MY OLYMPIC

"PSL soccer at present is out of our range, as it is for a great many of the State League clubs — if they are honest," said a Marrickville Olympic official.

"We would be looking at the PSL as a long term thing.

"The financial burden would be tremendous, and we would have to really put in a tremendous amount of work to be able to draw crowds which would keep our heads above water.

"The promotion and relegation issue is very cloudy.

"I don't think that everyone still understands it — I know that on some points I don't.

"We need a system that will allow for the Newcastle and Canberras to be slightly favoured — for a while — but we also need a system which will allow for new blood to be brought in when needed.

"Finally, as regards the subject of the PSL clubs coming down, I think that they can go nowhere else but the State League, otherwise their work would really be for nothing.

"At least in the State League they would be playing in a reasonably strong competition and could rebuild for another try at PSL soccer," he said.



"Eventually we are looking to Philips League standard, and I don't think any club would really say otherwise," said Ku-ring-gai's Frank Malone.

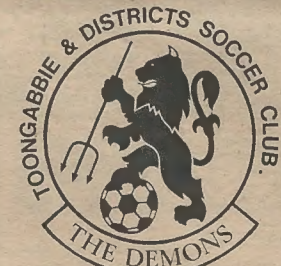
"However, I think that maybe there are too many Sydney based teams and that with only one PSL division there shouldn't be any more Sydney teams.

"The planning of the PSL has to be more progressive and daring, I think.

"Tasmania, Perth, Wollongong, NSW country areas and Queensland are all areas that should be looked at.

"The promotion question is touchy, but the present system is perhaps the best.

"If a team from Sydney gets relegated from the PSL I feel that it should be automatically brought back into the State League," Frank said.



"Our club definitely has aspirations for the Philips League," said Toongabbie Secretary Peter Thorn.

"Every club that plays soccer to win and to progress must always aim for the highest possible level, and should therefore aim for the league which is one better than our present position," said Peter.

"I couldn't put any sort of timetable on it at all.

"The present system of promotion and relegation is not completely fair to all clubs who would be in the position to go up into the PSL.

"For a start, the policy to re-examine the relegation candidates at the end of the year, if they re-apply, is wrong.

"The league should look towards new blood first, and if any new candidates' credentials suit the PSL's needs they should be admitted, no matter what sort of rosy picture the relegated clubs paint; after all they are the relegated clubs," Peter said.

P-MATTA

"Yes, we definitely would be aiming for the PSL, but how long it will take is anybody's guess," said Parramatta's Bob Wall.

"The Philips League has posed some interesting problems, and of course now that promotion and relegation is start-

ing to come into operation, these problems are being multiplied," Bob said.

"I don't really see any other method of promoting clubs except through the 'screening' process.

"It allows for all factors to be taken into account, not just a team's playing strength.

"Actually, that is a point that can be debated, for I have been saying to friends over the past 20 years that if we are given another five years 'we'll catch up with Rugby League'."

"Any team that did get relegated from the PSL would have to come back into the State League, otherwise they would go into oblivion — as there is no second division," Bob said.

SUTHERLAND

"Not many clubs, if they are honest, would deny that they have aspirations for the PSL, and we are no exception," said Sutherlands secretary Laurie Haynes.

"We eventually want to play in the best available football league, and at present that is undoubtedly the PSL.

"As regards promotion and relegation, I have never been a keen fan of the system any way.

"I don't think soccer is strong enough yet to take the system.

"It proves too much of a strain on the teams involved in the dour battle at the bottom of the ladder.

"It would be a waste to relegate a team, such as St. George, who have poured money into facilities and juniors over the years, just because the present team is having a bad season or two.

"Plenty of other clubs are doing alright in the league, but have done nothing to improve the standard of soccer from the spectators' or youngsters' view.

"On the issue of the relegated PSL side, or sides, I think they should be brought back into the State League.

"I have seen the First Division standard this year, and there is no way I would banish any team to that mish-mash league," Laurie said.



"It is the ultimate league, and therefore it must be the ultimate goal for any club," said Yugal secretary Mike Alagich.

"We certainly, like any club, would like to play Philips League soccer.

"But I can't see it happening for a number of years.

"Actually, to play in the PSL you have to be a Rockefeller or slightly crazy.

"The cost of running a team would be extremely high and with our present crowds I don't see how most of the clubs survive," Mike said.

"The promotion and relegation system is interesting in that it may be the most rational one at present, but it is not really fair on a lot of the State League clubs.

"On the other hand it could be abused by the 14 clubs to keep the status quo for good, just like they have been doing in Rugby League for so many years.

"As regards the relegated PSL teams, there is no way that they should be demoted to the First Division, and I suppose the State League would just have to put up with an odd number of teams in the League," Mike said.



PEPSI STATE SOCCER

Melita v Auburn 2-3 (0-1)

Auburn has put in a stiff challenge for the fourth semifinal spot when they beat Melita with the odd goal in five in a top game of football where the result was in the balance right to the final whistle. Fielding one of their best sides this season, Auburn took Melita to task, and with superb performances by John McDonald and Willie Hamilton the battle was really on. The Eagles' flair for midfield play which has been disappearing with every game, was non-existent again as McDonald and Hamilton with the aid of Kevin Dobson took control. Hamilton used all his experience to set up the first goal for Montgomery who also played his best game to finish up with a fine hat-trick. But McDonald was the real inspiration of the side; coming behind the forwards he really opened up some brilliant moves from which Auburn had their fair slice of shots at goal. The Eagles twice came back from behind to equalise through superb efforts by Donny Allan who certainly is the most consistent striker in the State League this season. "Starved" of the ball in his role of play-

ing deep, Allan took his half-chances with magnificent skills to put both shots away and was unlucky on at least one other occasion, when his deadly shot struck a defender. A youngster who did quite well, despite the lack of experience, is goalkeeper David Bowman who, under pressure particularly in the second half, kept the hungry Eagles' forwards at bay with some very fine saves.

Melita: Bracklow 3, Ververis 4, Mikas 3, Gibson 3, (Elrich 60m), McDonald 4, Darvill 4 (replaced by Jones 58m), J. Farrugia 4, McAusland 3, Allan 5, R. Farrugia 4, Griffiths 3.

Auburn: Bowman 4, Cornett 4, Dobson 4, Woods 4, Fairclough 4, McDonald 5, Juchniewicz 4, Hamilton 4, Tilt 3 (Field 81m), Leake 3, Montgomery 4.

Goals: 0-1 Montgomery (20m), 1-1 Allan (65m), 1-2 Montgomery (70m), 2-2 Allan (84m), 2-3 Montgomery (87m).

Referee: T. Davies; **Crowd:** 1475.

—C. SPITERI

MANLY v TOONGABBIE 1-1 (1-1)

On top for most of the match, in the end Toongabbie had to settle for a draw. Inaccurate shooting by their forwards and a lack of support in attack cost them dearly. Jim Izatt gave a great performance with his deft passes and powerful running, but he had no-one to work with when a quick 1-2 pass would have breached the defence. With the Manly defence struggling to clear their penalty area, Fisher pounced on a loose ball and crashed it into the net. From here on it was one-way traffic to the Manly goal, but Cassettari performed well to keep his goal intact. Manly's goal came in the 40th minute when Toongabbie unnecessarily conceded a corner and

from the play McBeath scored from close range. Late in the game Cassettari, aided by Toongabbie's incredible misses, kept Toongabbie at bay.

MANLY: Cassettari 4, Mouttet 3, Doyle 2, Dick 3 (Vale 81m), Townsend 3, McBeath 4, Birchett 3, Stuart 3, Chapman 3, Jack 3, Palamara 2.

TOONGABBIE: Freeman 3, Pena 3, Taylor 3, Pointer 4, Boardman 3, Hormazabal 3, Harding 3, Thomson 2, Izatt 5, Fisher 3, Pearson 3.

Goals: 1-0 Fisher (18m), 1-1 McBeath (40m).

Crowd: 325. **Referee:** De. Rennie.

—A. Henderson

YUGAL v MARRICKVILLE 3-2 (2-1)

Yugal took the lead in the 7th minute when Branko Karanfilovski broke through the defence and drew out goalkeeper Wayne Evans to make a fine placement. Marrickville drew level in the 23rd minute when Steve Kable sent in a high dropping shot. Five minutes after the interval Yugal again went ahead. Karanfilovski's corner was not held and Paul Coton was there to fire in an unstoppable shot. Kable seemed to put Olympic back into the match. Sefic Radovac lobbed the ball from a free-kick into the goal area, and Stan Tanoski scored. The winner, Karanfilovski was brilliant for Yugal. Kable was Marrickville's best, doing ex-

tremely well in midfield and scoring his team's two goals.

YUGAL: Kostanides 3, Radovac 3, Delaney 4, Coton 4, Klempner 3, Prgomelja 4, Rodas (Berry 37m 2), Tanoski 3, Morsello 3, Karanfilovski 5, Martinez 3.

MARRICKVILLE: Evans 3, G. Brown 3, Binos 3, Penman 4, Sehlidrick (Thamnidis 35m 3), Kable 5, Doyle 3, Smith 2 (Bosganos 70m), Zeros 3, R. Brown 2, Ramisch 4.

Goals: 1-0 Karanfilovski (10m), 1-1 Kable (23m), 2-1 Coton (50m), 2-2 Kable (70m), 3-2 Tanoski (74m). **Referee:** R. Lorenc. **Crowd:** 980.

—E. De Mesquita

CROATIA v PARRAMATTA 2-3 (0-1)

A complacent Croatia suffered their first defeat of the season with Nelson Brizuela splendidly spearheading the Parramatta attack to victory. Billy Fraser sent a long ball to Ally Link, who drew Steve Watson off his line to score the first goal. The Parramatta midfield dominated the first half, but their efforts came up against the cool Croatia defenders Peter Mullen and Greg Smith. Parramatta on the day abandoned their physical style to play attractive football. Croatia came out in complete charge after halftime. Sullivan produced a banana shot-goal just after halftime. His corner went across goal to hit the inner edge of the far post and went in. Parramatta's standards slipped, and Abonyi scored for

Croatia. Brizuela netted for Parramatta through the crowd, and then he laid off the winner for Morrow to score.

CROATIA: Watson 3, A. Kovacic 3, Mullen 4, Basic 2, Smith 4, Cagali 3, Sullivan 4, Savor 3, Abonyi 3, M. Kovacic 3, Cootes 2.

PARRAMATTA: I. Barker 4, Barron 3, Bigland 3, Lackey 2, O'Maye 3, Forwood 3 (T. Barker 62m), Morrow 4, Selfridge 3, Link 3, Fraser 4, Brizuela 5.

Goals: 0-1 (Link 40m), 1-1 Sullivan (46m), 2-1 Abonyi (57m), 2-2 Brizuela (66m), 2-3 Morrow (76m). **Crowd:** 2851. **Referee:** P. Rampley.

—D. Morrison

AVALA v BANKSTOWN 1-2 (1-1)

Although Avala took the lead in the 12th minute through an Eddie Patterson shot, Bankstown ran out winners to reduce Avala's semi-final chances. Avala's keeper Peter Ahrens managed to tip a 25-metre drive from Dennis Daley over the bar. Bankstown came back into calculations in the 39th minute when Norrie Porter scored a penalty given for hands against Ron Griffith. Dennis Daley scored his 11th goal of the season as he beat Ahrens with a neat header from John Lee's cross. Avala might have equalised in

the 79th minute, but no-one was there to meet a centre from Patterson.

AVALA: Ahrens 3, G. Bateman 4, Deiler 3, Barton 4, R. Griffith 3, Williams 3, Djuricic 4, Rodic 2 (Kodor 58m), Patterson 3, Rnjak 2, Moorcroft 2.

BANKSTOWN: Greedy 3, Thompson 2, Lynch 4, Beater 3, C. Rootsey 3, Morrison 4, Porter 3, Lee 4, Peck 3, D. Wilson 2 (K. Rootsey 64m), Daley 4. **Goals:** 0-1 Patterson (12m), 1-1 Porter pen. (39m), 1-2 (Daley 47m). **Referee:** T. Seacy. **Crowd:** 273.

—G. Streeter

MONARO v KU-RING-GAI 1-1 (1-0)

A very entertaining game which saw most of the first half dominated by Monaro who played some great football. Outstanding for the home team were Santolin in midfield and Morsello in attack. Both were unlucky not to be rewarded with goals in the opening part of the match when they had shots which hit the bar. Taylor was in fine form for the visitors and after 13 minutes punched a Trajanoski shot over the bar following some great lead-up work by Monaro. After 19 minutes Morsello and Trajanoski combined to see the latter dart past the defence and goalie, only to be brought down in front of an open goal, allowing Valeri the task of converting the penalty.

After the break Ku-ring-gai fought back bravely and equalised when a freekick found Smith who shot into the corner.

MONARO: Palec 3, Crawford 3, Charles 3, Noble 4, O'Neil 3, Falzon 3, Fay 3, Santolin 4, Morsello 4, Valeri 4, Trajanoski 3 (Venturelli 85m).

KU-RING-GAI: Taylor 4, Birchall 3, Lee 3, Robertson 3, Chambers 3, Hogg 3, Geekie 4, Hardaker 4, Herron 3, Firrell 3, Smith 3.

Goals: 1-0 Valeri (19m, pen) 1-1 Smith (59m).

Referee: B. Mee **Crowd:** 650. **Cautions:** Noble.

—W. York

MONARO AT GABBIE

—By Keith Gilmour—

In a weekend of incredible upsets, only Monaro of the top six teams was able to gain a point.

And at the bottom Yugal and Arncliffe both won, but Manly had to be satisfied with a point.

Croatia's sequence of 18 games this year without defeat came to an end, although in the course of it they were held to a draw on six occasions.

TASMAN CUP

The big occasion for schools football in NSW will be next Tuesday night at 8pm at Englefield Stadium Dural, when holders Normanhurst play the strong Port Hacking side in the Tasman Cup Final.

Whitebridge and Punchbowl meet in the play-off for third place.

Normanhurst, if they are successful, will become the only Sydney school to win the Cup twice running.

In previous years Newcastle TCH High won in consecutive years, and Walsend won in one year and were joint-holders in the next.

Port Hacking, who defeated fancied Whitebridge 3-1 last week, marshalled a solid defence, often using two stoppers and a sweeper but they break fast into attack.

Paul Bush, the Sutherland State League forward, is their danger man.

In this year's series they won three matches on penalties.

Normanhurst, under coach John McDonald, has a formidable record this season, and are undefeated to date in zone, Northern Districts Cup and Tasman Cup matches.

Their excellent temperament shone through in the semi-final.

Down 0-1 with a minute to go, they brushed Punchbowl aside with a 3-1 extra-time win.

And they only conceded that one goal in six Tasman Cup ties.

There is a big program at Englefield this Friday night for the Northern Districts Cup finals.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

PEPSI STATE RESULTS			
	I	II	III
Avala v Bankstown	1-2	0-3	0-3
Yugal v Mville	3-2	0-1	0-0
S'land v Arncliffe	0-1	3-0	2-0
Croatia v P'matta	2-3	1-4	3-1
Melita v Auburn	2-3	1-2	0-1
Manly v Toongabbie	1-1	1-1	3-2
Monaro v Ku-ring-gai	1-1	0-4	—

DIVISION 1			
	I	II	III
Belmore v Nth. Syd.	1-3	1-1	4-0
Syd. City v Nepean	4-3	0-3	1-2
Polonia v B'town	1-1	2-0	1-3
Queens Pk v APIA	0-2	1-2	1-3
W'gah v Syd. Olympic	1-0	0-3	0-1
Marconi v Uni NSW	1-0	2-1	6-0
St. Geo. v Revesby	1-1	7-0	6-0

DIVISION 2			
	I	II	III
Pt Hacking v Lane Cove	0-2	4-0	6-0
Dee Why v M'ville	1-2	3-1	1-0
Lethbridge v Yagoona	1-2	4-0	0-1
Glad. Hnsby v B'ham H.	0-1	3-0	2-3
Guildford v W. Ryde	0-0	3-0	1-0
Bathurst v Glad. R.	1-1	0-1	3-0

DIVISION 3			
	I	II	III
Bondi v Riverstone	2-0	2-1	—
Hurstville v Bonnyrigg	4-3	0-5	—
Ryde Dist. v Wenty	0-1	2-1	—
Wenty v Artamon	1-2	1-2	—
Syd. Uni v C'town	0-4	1-1	—
Ashcroft v Kingsford	3-0	2-0	—
Ryde Dist. v N. B'stown	0-5	0-4	—

DIVISION 4			
	I	II	III
Maroubra v Revesby	3-4	2-0	—
Padstow Pk v Chelsea	0-2	4-0	—
Paddington v W. Holroyd	1-1	2-0	—
Nth Rocks v Nth Ryde	Not Avail.	—	—
Holroyd v Fairfield	3-1	0-1	—
Namatjira v E'wood	2-2	0-0	—

DIVISION 5			
	I	II	III
Syd. Maccabi v P'wood	2-2	0-2	—
Concordia v W. St. Geo.	1-3	0-11	—
Macq. Uni v Haberfield	3-4	0-3	—
Fairfield W. v Aub. Jnrs.	2-3	1-1	—
Hawkesbury v Camden	1-2	3-1	—
Canley Hts v Edensor Pk	0-2	6-0	—

DIVISION 6			
	I	II	III
Moorebank v L'pool C.	3-0	3-1	—
Winston Hills v Mt. P'chard	12-0	8-2	—
Greystanes v Bankstown	1-3	3-0	—
Green V. v Chullora	0-5	1-2	—
Sth Syd. v L'pool Utd.	0-0	0-3	—
Blacktown v Bankstown	2-1	2-1	—
Lakemba v Greystanes	6-1	1-3	—

SUTHERLAND v ARNCLIFFE 0-1 (0-0)

This was one of those incredible matches where on team attacked for 85 of the 90 minutes, and the other scored the goal that won the game. It was Alan Smart, a defender and very rarely a scorer, who headed in a free-kick in the 60th minute to give Arncliffe their invaluable points. Arncliffe often defended with 10 men in their own penalty area. Near misses for Sutherland came all the time. Their big loss in the game was experienced John Stoddart, who was in-

jured early and had to be carried off on a stretcher.

SUTHERLAND: Craggs 3, Wykes 3, Hesford 4, Basterfield 5, Dal Forno 3, Stoddart 3, Meades 5, Hall 4, Beggs 4, Watkiss 3.

ARNCLIFFE: Rogers 5, Campbell 5, Smart 3, Blackburn 3, Hall 3, Bankhead 2, Oldham 2, Perry 2, Sidey 3, Martin 3, Tracey 4.

Goals: 0-1 Smart (60m). **Referee:** O. Pritchard. **Crowd:** 428.

—G. De La Scerri

which the Ku-ring-gai club is helping to sponsor.

The matches are: Final: Normanhurst v Carlingford 8pm; girls' final 7pm: Cumberland v St Ives; third-place play-off: Hunters Hill v Asquith; girls' play-off: Parramatta v Hornsby.

Junior titles

The Coca-Cola Bottlers National Junior Championships for 1979 will be conducted in various centres.

At the under-16 titles an Australian team shall be selected to play in Singapore's Lion City Cup from December 2 to 22.

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Under 13 — Bundaberg, Queensland: (from August 26 to Sept 1) Tel: (07) 263 5765 — Home.

Under 14 — Whyalla, South Australia: (from August 26 to Sept 1). Tel: (08) 356 3987 — Home.

Under 15 — Perth, Western Australia: (from Sept 2 to Sept 8). Tel: (09) 76 5213 — Home.

PEPSI TOP SCORERS

VALERI (Monaro)	20
ALLAN (Melita)	15
ABONYI (Croatia)	13
BEGGS (Sutherland)	12
HALL (Sutherland)	12
MONTGOMERY (Auburn)	12
DALEY (Bankstown)	11
FISHER (Toongabbie)	10
FIRRELL (Ku-ring-gai)	9
RAMISCH (Marrickville)	9
SAVOR (Croatia)	9

THIS WEEK SYDNEY DRAWS

SECOND DIVISION

Sat: Yagoona v Bathurst, O'Neil Pk. **Sun:** Gladesville Ravens v West Ryde, Peel Pk; Lane Cove v Lethbridge, Pottery Green; Baulkham Hills v Pt Hacking, Horwood Res; Marrickville v Gladesville-Hornsby, Makey Pk; Dee Why v Guildford County, Dee Why Park.

THIRD DIVISION

Sat: Artamon v Hurstville, Artamon Res; North Bankstown v Bondi, Potts Pk. Kingsford v Campbelltown, Turrawall Pk. **Sun:** Campbelltown v Wenty Waratah, Rangers Rd; Kingsford v Sydney University, Turrawall Pk; Riverstone v Ashcroft, Schofield Pk; Bonnyrigg v Ryde, St Johns Pk.

FOURTH DIVISION

Sat: North Ryde v Padstow, North Ryde; Fairfield Kiev v Eastwood, Knight Pk; Paddington v Holroyd Rangers, Moore Pk No. 3. **Sun:** West Holroyd v Maroubra, Pendle Hill Pk; Revesby Rovers v North Rocks, Amour Pk; Chelsea v Holroyd Rangers, Moore Pk; Paddington v Namatjira, Campbell Pk.

FIFTH DIVISION

Sat: Edensor Pk v Pagewood, King Tomislav Pk; Maccabi v Macquarie University, SCG No. 2. **Sun:** Haberfield v Concordia, Beaman Pk; West St. George v Fairfield West, Evatt Pk; Auburn Jnrs v Camden, Progress Pk; Canley Hts v Hawkesbury, King Pk; Macquarie University v Maccabi, Macquarie University.

SIXTH DIVISION

Sat: Chullora v Moorebank, Soccer Centre. **Sun:** Greystanes v Green Valley, Bathurst St; Liverpool City v South Sydney, Ernie Smith Res; Liverpool Utd. v Winston Hills, Childs Pk; Mt Pritchard v Bankstown Sports, Joe Broad Pk; Lakemba v Bankstown Wanderers, Parry Pk No 2. **Thurs Aug 16 (pm):** Liverpool City v Liverpool Utd, Ernie Smith Res.

Bankstown v Croatia at Soccer Centre should provide the big crowd with a feast of football.

Dennis Daley is scoring consistently for the Towns, and Atti Abonyi will have to watch him thoroughly.

Auburn can thank the clever John McDonald and Willie Hamilton for a lot of their zest, and it is hard to see them missing out on full points although Avala are overdue to enter the action.

Monaro are in action at the Gabbie Stadium, and unfortunately for them Sebastian Giampolo is still in trouble with his damaged leg.

This wipes out his combination with Walter Valeri, and more than any other factor, it gives Toongabbie its chance.

Parramatta City-Arncliffe Scots on

the poorly surfaced Garside Park brings together two of last week's unexpected winners, but this time Stan Ackerley is going to find it very difficult indeed.

Ackerley may elect to pack the defence, but this is unlikely to be the tactics where going for a win is more logical.

At Arlington Melita Eagles will have to get their wings moving again if they are to handle a Marrickville Olympic who could not match Yugal last week.

Melita are overdue for points, but Olympic will be difficult to beat at home.

The other game, Sutherland-Manly at Seymour Shaw, looks like a win for the home side.



PEPSI STATE SOCCER

PEPSI STATE LEAGUE SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

Ku-ring-gai v Yugal Parklands

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

Bankstown v Croatia Soccer Centre
Auburn v Avala Mona Park
Toongabbie v Monaro Gabbie Stadium
Parramatta v Arncliffe Garside Park
Mv. Olympic v Melita Arlington
Sutherland v Manly Seymour Shaw

FIRST DIVISION SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

Sydney City v Blacktown Wentworth Park
APIA v Polonia Lambert Park
Belmore v Queens Park Blick Oval
Olympic v NS Inter Erskineville
Revesby v Wollongong Milperra

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

Nepean v Marconi Cook Park
Uni. NSW v St. George D. Phillips
APIA v Sydney City Lambert Park

NEXT WEEK PEPSI STATE LEAGUE SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

Croatia v Auburn Arlington
Melita v Ku-Ring-Gai Garside
Manly v Granville Cromer
Bankstown v Arncliffe Soccer Centre
Avala v Mv. Olympic Knight Park
Yugal v Monaro Undecided
Sutherland v Toongabbie Seymour

FIRST DIVISION SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

Marconi v Blacktown Marconi
Polonia v Belmore Chopin
Queens Park v Olympic Undecided
NS Inter v Warringah North Sydney
St. George v Nepean Barton
Wollongong v Uni. NSW Berkeley
Revesby: Bye.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

NSW v AEK (Greece) Sportsground

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OVERSEAS BRIEFS

• England international wing striker Peter Barnes has been signed by West Bromwich for \$960,000 — to replace their colored ace, Laurie Cunningham, whom they had sold to Real Madrid for \$1,350,000.

• Since 1977, VfB Stuttgart has been paying \$15,000 to all their players as a "non-relegation" bonus. In 1978 Stuttgart finished 4th, this year 2nd.

• Mervyn Day until recently West Ham's child prodigy goalkeeper, then a reserve, has been transferred to Orient (Div 2) for \$200,000.

• Before his recent car accident in which he suffered serious injuries, Bayern goalkeeper Sepp Maier was ready to sign for Cosmos — but his wife refused to agree.

• In a major reshuffle, Dr. Karoly Lakat has become the new manager of Hungary while Ferenc Szusza, until recently with Atletico Madrid, is the Association's new technical advisor. Former all-time great Ferenc Bene has retired and became the manager of champion club Ujpest.

• Badly injured Hungarian star Andras Torocsik (broken thigh) will be able to walk in about four months and could resume training some time after Christmas. Torocsik suffered his injuries in a head-on car smash.

• Andy Gray, Aston Villa's striker, would have liked to accept one of the many offers from Continental clubs — but he is tied to Villa until 1982.

• Manchester City's giant goalie, Joe Corrigan, 30, will sign a new five-year contract with the club.

• Bayern's Yugoslav star Branko Oblak isn't training with his mates for the new season — he is back in Yugoslavia, doing a short military stint.

• West German's Schalke 04, one of the most popular clubs, has just celebrated its 75th anniversary, being founded in 1904 — hence the 04 tag.

• Dave Watson has already settled in well with his new club, Bremen and has become the popular hero of the club's young fans.

• Laszlo Balint, 31, the Ferencvaros and Hungary freeback, has signed for Ajax of Amsterdam. He is the first player Hungary has allowed to join a Western club — but surely not the last. One snag: Ajax insist that Balint give up smoking.

• Mimis Papaioannou, 37, one of Greece's all-time greats, has announced his retirement. He has played for Greece 61 times, and for AEK more than 500 games.

• Scottish international Tommy Craig, 29, has left Aston Villa for Swansea on a \$225,000 transfer deal. In 1978, he left Newcastle for Villa for \$360,000 — inflation in reverse?

• Olympiakos of Greece has signed Aris midfield ace Firos, 28, with 42 caps behind him.

• Portugal's No. 1 star, Alves, has been signed by the wealthy Paris St. Germain club. To replace him, Benfica of Lisbon have secured Nunes, one of the young stars of Brazilian Fluminense.

• Halmstad is the narrow leader in the Swedish championship from Norrkoping.

• Italy has finally decided to allow foreign players to be signed by first and second division clubs.

• Johan Neeskens has a five-year contract with Cosmos, guaranteeing him \$2,500,000 for that period. He has now joined the constellation of such stars as Beckenbauer, Marinho, Carlos Alberto and Chinaglia.

• West German international Flohe has decided to leave FC Koln and move to Munchen 1860.

• Olimpia of Asuncion, Paraguay, won the Latin American Cup, ahead of more famous rivals from Brazil and Argentina.

• Australia had better watch out: Iraq recently beat East Germany 2-1, then went on to defeat Saudi Arabia 2-0.

• Dutch international striker and frequent enfant terrible, Johnny Rep, has transferred from the French Bastia (Corsica) to St. Etienne, which had earlier secured Michel Platini, No. 1 star in France.

Brazil will cha-cha-cha once again



Claudio Coutinho.

Brazil's fastidious, demanding fans are smiling again: judging on recent displays, their national side is gradually reverting back to its old, colorful, flair-full style — and results.

After the cautious and unproductive World Cup last year (a "mere" third place and an undefeated series was considered a flop), manager Claudio Coutinho bowed to public pressure and decided to abandon its fail-safe approach.

The new star is tall Socrates, central striker of the Sao Paulo club Corinthians: quick, resourceful, intelligent and polished.

The Sao Paulo Press immediately labelled him as the "new Tostao" but he is really "only" the new Socrates.

Of course, one new star won't make Brazil — and Coutinho knows that, too.

He is trying to build a "magic square", based on the same invisible yet effective concept the Hungarians had in the 1950s with Bozsik, Kocsis, Puskas and Hidegkuti.

"I will use Socrates, Zico, Falcao and Carpeggiani for this," says Coutinho.

Falcao is now rated as Brazil's best wing striker, proving that Coutinho had erred by not calling on him during last year's Mundial.

Zico, who was such a disappointment in Argentina, is back to his best, having finally escaped most of the limelight which had focused on him for the previous two years or so, ever since described by a sensational headline as the "white Pele."

Flamengo's left winger Julio Cesar is likely to be given his chance soon; all classic scho-

lars will lick their lips in seeing Socrates and Cesar side by side.

Nelinho, recuperating after his spine operation, should be back soon and will take over from Toninho, while in mid-field Batata and Joaozinho are the current choices, ahead of Batista and Gil.

Then, Coutinho may have to find a place in his new team for Dirceu, the best Brazilian in the World Cup last year.

Dirceu spent a few unhappy months in Mexico but is back in Rio now; at his peak, he just can't be left out.

Apart from all newcomers, the most important change is Coutinho's decision to allow his players to improvise and create.

"The old tactical shackles let us down in 1974 and again in 1978," says Coutinho.

"The world associates Brazilian soccer with flair, color, elegance and exuberance."

"We have the players to provide all that — but only if they are not restricted within the perimeters of a narrow tactical plan."

"So we'll free them of all that. After all, when we were great, with the Garrinchas, Peles, Gersons, Santos and Amarildos, we played in a fairly unrestricted formation."

"Yes, we really 'played'."

"Brazilian soccer players enjoy the playing element. Now we're bringing this back and see if we also get the results."

• Lokomotive Kosice (Kassa) won the Czechoslovak Cup, beating Banik Ostrava 2-1 in the final.

Flowers bloom in Sydney's nursery

—BY CHARLES SPITERI—

With the second leg of the competition well under way, St George seems set to take out the first division championship in a run-away fashion.

They have amassed a big lead over the field.

Although aided here and there by PSL players, the St George side under the coaching of Tibor Zuckerman relies mainly on the talent of the youngsters who are being groomed for the future PSL teams.

Some of the best talent which could well make their debut in the PSL team next season will be young David Skeen, only 18 and one of the best defenders in the side.

Others include Jock Morlando, also 18, Chris Townsend, 20 and striker Jim Tuntevski — top scorer in second grade who made several appearances in the first team.

PSL clubs have used this division as a nursery for youngsters and in the long run this is certain to pay off.

For instance, Sydney City who incidentally is not going so well in the competition had two 15-year-old players in their side recently.

They were Gulio Amore and Alan McGrouther. Others who were called on PSL duty are Melio Borges, 15-year-old Jim Patikas, 16-year-old Eddie Tesora, Geraldo Gomez, Craig Dickinson and John Svyenos.

Marconi also have some players of the future in their side, like Peter Rae, Ritchie Williams, Ron Agius, Colusso, while others are bound to gain from the experience of Les Hucker, Yomasich, Jones and other PSL players who invariably make appearances in this side.

Apia, not to be outdone, is also nursing some tremendous talent in this division under the coaching of Bob Ferguson.

Players such as Arthur Gaitatazas only 17 and a top midfielder, David Watts, a 15-year-old defender, Gary Dawson, 17-year-old defender and Phil Dalton an 18-year-old midfielder will find their way to future PSL teams.

Although not so hot on results, Sydney Olympic also boasts of having good results with the youngsters.

One such youngster, Leo Paulos has already been picked in the PSL squad and has yet to turn 16.

Others who will make the grade are Tizzone and Anados-topoulos, both under 17.

But not only PSL teams seem to be breeding these youngsters; other teams have been following suit.

For instance, North Sydney has emerged as one of the most youthful sides and one of the most successful.

Under coach Phil Bottalico, Norths have become a contender for promotion behind St George.

Most of the squad is under 18 and the oldest playing member of the team is 25.

Most of the players came from the Apia Juniors and have shown tremendous promise.

These include goalkeeper Vic Lilli, 17, brothers Jim and Alec Bottalico 17 and 18 year olds, Roberter Falchi 18, John Walker 18, Greg Mathesen 18.

The success of the team would have been the pride of Fred Leitner who worked so hard for North Sydney over the years before his sudden death earlier this year.

One of the hardest workers in the club these days is president Ron Orsatti who spends a lot of time and provides substantial financial assistance to keep the club going.

Wollongong, the early pace setters, have slumped in the last few matches and with limited talent they will be losing more games against the top teams.

Another side who did well so far and could well be a challenger at the end is Nepean who has some of the most talented youngsters in the business.

Players such as Hunter and Campbell have already proved themselves but they have more to come in Billy Hood, Stan Lemanczyk and goalkeeper Harris.

Revesby, under playing coach Greg Byles, did quite well so far; they rely on experienced players sprinkled with youngsters from the lower grades.

Belmore, although limited in both finance and talent also managed to bring about some youngsters like, Morasso, Cruger, and Brown under the expert guidance of John and Dennis Yaager.

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